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Festive lights illuminate the Town Hall Square

LIGHTING UP TIME



By
Gabriel Harriss

THE annual illumination of Hackney's festive lights has transformed the borough into a winter wonderland.

From Stamford Hill in the north to Shoreditch in the south, 24 of residents' best-loved areas are now radiating a cheery glow. Broadway Market, Stoke Newington Church Street and Mare Street, including the Town Hall Square (pictured), are just some of the communal areas decked out for the Council's Festival Of Lights 2007.

The display marks traditional celebration days for the borough's many faiths and will stay on until February next year.

The Speaker of Hackney, Faizullah Khan, said: "The Festival Of Lights has grown out of a desire to celebrate the wonderful mix of cultures, religions and communities that live together in Hackney.

"The theme of light transcends all faiths and relates to all cultures. It represents hope, cohesion and peace."

Hackney is one of the most diverse places in the world, with 100 different languages spoken by a wide mix of cultures, religions and communities.

The lights are a colourful celebration of this diversity, as are the many festivals that will take place over the coming months.

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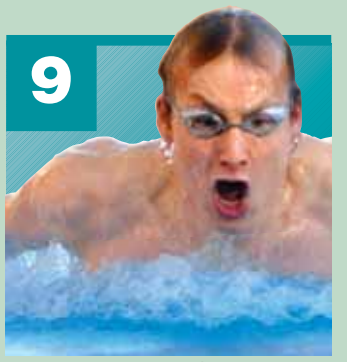
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Big cash boost for borough

HACKNEY is set to benefit from nearly £4million in funding to help improve the borough's transport networks.

The £3,996,000 grant was announced by Transport for London (TfL) for a range of measures designed to make the borough safer, greener and more accessible. The package includes:

- £867,000 for more cycle lanes and better facilities for cyclists, as part of the London Cycle Network
- £806,000 for school travel plans
- £198,000 to resurface part of the A107 in Lower Clapton Road
- £70,000 to improve the area around Lubavitch Girls Primary School, in Stamford Hill, including pedestrian islands or widened pavements.

London's Transport Commissioner, Peter Hendy, said: "This £4million investment will go towards directly improving transport for people in Hackney."

Election time

A BY-ELECTION is set to take place in the borough, following the resignation of a ward councillor.

Residents in Springfield Ward will go to the polls on December 20 to fill the vacancy left by Eric Ollerenshaw, who has left to stand as an MP for a newly created seat in the North West at the next General Election. Only Springfield residents on the electoral register are eligible to vote in this by-election, and they will receive a polling card at the beginning of December. There is still time to register to vote, however, ahead of a 5 December deadline.

Residents can vote in person at a polling station between 7am and 10pm on 20 December; by post; and by proxy.

For more information, contact electoral services on: **020 8356 3233/3234**, e-mail: **info@ hackney.gov.uk** or see details on pg 24.





Photograph: Sophie Duval

Smoke from a massive fire at the Olympic site in Hackney Wick could be seen across London

Blaze response praised



By **Lara Gorman**

A huge plume of black smoke from a dramatic blaze on the Olympic site stopped people in their tracks across the capital.

More than 85 firefighters tackled the massive fire, which engulfed a disused Hackney Wick warehouse in 50 ft flames.



Photograph: Paul Knipe

Dramatic scenes: view from 2 Hillman Street, E8

The London Fire Brigade (LFB) received hundreds of calls from concerned residents. A rapid response by the emergency services, however, meant no one was injured and the blaze was successfully brought under control.

The first fire crews were on the scene within five minutes of the first 999 calls.

Workers were told to leave the industrial area in Waterden Road after the fire broke out, while residents living nearby were asked to stay indoors and keep their windows shut. Rail services were also suspended between Dalston Kingsland and Stratford.

The cause of the fire, which began at midday on 12 November, is not thought to be suspicious.

The warehouse on the western edge of the 2012 Olympic site was due to be demolished and contained asbestos, but health officials said only long-term exposure posed a significant risk.

Fiona Fletcher Smith, Council Corporate Director for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration, added: "The London Fire Brigade's response was outstanding. They brought the fire under control very quickly and ensured there were no injuries.

"The Council was on stand-by to evacuate residents if necessary. Residents and staff were kept informed with updates on the Council website and call centre staff were fully briefed.

"Council officers were in close contact with the emergency services at all times and our emergency planning team was at the scene."



An aerial view of the warehouse fire in Waterden Road, E15

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Lighting up time



Here is a quick introduction to the main festivals:

Chinese and Vietnamese New Year

Known as the Spring festival, Chinese New Year 2008 falls on 7 February, and celebrates the earth coming back to life.

On the New Year's eve there is a big feast with celebrations over 15 days ending with a lantern festival.

Vietnamese New Year, known as Tet, falls on the same day as Chinese New Year, and is marked by attending church and temple, and visiting family and friends.



The Chinese New Year 2008 falls on 7 February

Hannukah



The Jewish faith, celebrates Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, on 5 December.

It is a celebration of the victory of the Maccabees and the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. It lasts for eight days and is a family time of celebration, gifts, parties, games and food.

Christmas



The major festival of the Christian calendar, starts on 25 December, Christmas Day, and over the next 12 days celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ.

Christian families attend church services, enjoy food, feasting and exchanging gifts.

Diwali

A major Indian festival, very significant in Hinduism, fell on 9 November this year.

It lasts for five days, when lamps are lit and gifts are exchanged as a sign of celebration and hope for humankind.

Feasting and firework displays also take place as part of the celebrations.

Eid-al-Adha



Known as the Feast of Sacrifice, it lasts for three days and will be celebrated by Muslims on around 20 December this year.

The occasion marks the end of Hajj (the annual pilgrimage to Mecca), and the prophet Ibraham's (Abraham) willingness to obey God by sacrificing his son Isma'il (Ishmael).

The feast re-enacts this with the sacrificing of a cow or ram. Families eat about a third of the meat and donate the rest to the poor.

Muslims celebrate by going to the mosque in the morning and then having a festive family meal.

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Hackney Today would like to wish all our residents a happy festive period whatever you're celebrating

NEWS IN BRIEF



Getting their props

A PLAY created by Hackney young people and a local theatre company has been short-listed for a prestigious TV award.

Zoop Zoop, Hackney! Who Aksed You? is a finalist in the Opening Up Politics' category of this year's Channel 4 Political Awards.

The play, developed by the Arcola Theatre in Dalston, with Hackney young people, was commissioned by the Council for Local Democracy Week in October.

It has been celebrated for tackling difficult local issues in an honest, balanced way, with its light-hearted approach and contemporary references making it a hit with audiences of all ages.

Zoop, Zoop will be returning to the Arcola for a week-long run early next year, download a trailer at: **www.arcolaenergy.com/democracysmall.mov**

Feeling flushed

The borough's public toilets are feeling flushed after being awarded four stars at the national Loo Of The Year awards.

The four conveniences in Ridley Road, Hoxton Market, Mare Street (Narrow Way) and Stamford Hill were assessed during unannounced inspections.

They were judged on a number of factors, including cleanliness, hygiene, signage, security, air quality, accessibility, and overall management.

The awards, run by the British Toilet Association, are celebrating their 20th anniversary. For more information, visit: **www.loo.co.uk**

Hackney home girl

LEONA loves Hackney and is staying put, despite rumours she had been about to relocate to the US.

The Stamford Hill singing sensation has quashed tabloid gossip of a mooted move Stateside, saying she loves living round the corner from her mum and dad.

Last year's X-Factor winner is also set to have one of the fastest selling debut albums of all time, with Spirit, released this month, racking up pre-sales of more than 300,000.

The Hackney girl, currently outselling the Spice Girls, is on course to beat a UK record set by the Arctic Monkeys for their debut album, which sold 363, 735 copies in its first seven days last year.



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1. Veterans at the Remembrance Day service
2. Speaker Faizullah Khan lays a wreath in the Town Hall square…
3. …as do veterans at St John at Hackney Church
4. Youth groups joined in the Remembrance Day events.
5. The procession through central Hackney led by the Jewish Lads and Girls Brigade bands





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Lest we forget



By **Emma Britton**

THE sacrifices of servicemen and women who died for their country were honoured by young and old in the borough on Remembrance Sunday.

More than 200 veterans, cadets, reservists, dignitaries and residents took part in a service at St John at Hackney Church in Lower Clapton.

It began with a procession from Reading Lane led by the Jewish Lads and Girls Brigade Band via Mare Street.

The Speaker of Hackney, Faizullah Khan, was among those who then laid poppy wreaths at the church memorial to all those who have lost their lives during military service. He said: "It remains terribly important that we do not forget the sacrifices made by the people who lost their lives during the Second World War.

"We must never forget their courage and determination. We must also remember all those who have fought in wars since and who are doing so today. I would particularly like to mark the dedication of all those from Hackney who have served, and are serving, our country."

After the service by Rev Rob Wickham, the procession made its way back to the Town Hall Square, where a salute was taken by the Queen's representative to Hackney, Lt Col Morriss, local councillors and Mayor Jules Pipe. The Speaker then laid a wreath at the War Memorial in the Square.



Reverend Rob Wickham who led the Remembrance Day service

The annual event was organised by the Royal British Legion with the Council and St John at Hackney Church.

There was also a Remembrance Sunday service at St Leonard's Church in Shoreditch High Street.

For the Fallen (1914), Laurence Binyon

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

MORE INFO

To find out more about Remembrance Sunday visit: **www.britishlegion.org.uk**

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What's the story?



Celebrated children's author Allan Ahlberg reads to a captive audience of young people at HFBU's annual general meeting in Dalston

Photography Bernie Keating

By **Kamuran Samar**

ONE of Britain's best-loved children's authors paid a visit to a Hackney charity that supports disabled children and their families.

Allan Ahlberg, writer of classics including Each Peach Pear Plum and Funnybones, read excerpts from his books to a rapt audience of Hackney Family Backup (HFBU) staff, volunteers, youngsters and parents.

HFBU director, Sheila Ramdular, said: "The children were captivated. Many knew the words and completed Allan's sentences for him before he had a chance to finish.

> "The parents were also enthralled, having grown up on his books, Allan even signed copies after the reading"

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The special guest also presented prizes to young winners of a competition to capture their favourite places in music, drawing or painting.

Speaking after the event, part of the charity's AGM last month, Allan said: "I was more than happy to meet everyone connected with such a worthwhile charity.

"It's great to see families receiving support from volunteers and people within their own community.

"I've done many readings at schools, libraries and book festivals in the past, but never to a small group at an AGM. I didn't really know what to expect, so it was nice to see so many happy faces while I was reading."

HFBU helps families with disabled children through a range of services including respite care, home-sitting and family support. These are provided by volunteers, who are trained and supported by charity staff.

MORE INFO

Call Hackney Family Backup on: **020 7275 0088**, or visit: **www.hfbu.org.uk**

Youth do their bit for Poppy Appeal

By **Karyn Michael**



YOUNG people who have been in trouble with the law have helped raise money to support ex-Service men and women.

The teenagers got stuck in making some of the 36 million paper poppies sold on the streets to raise money for the British Legion's annual appeal.

The Hackney Youth Offending Team (YOT) run scheme sees participants doing community work to make amends for past criminal and anti-social behaviour.



They also grow vegetables to raise funds for charity; deliver leaflets for the Fire Brigade; and carry out maintenance work at Hackney parks.

The 12 to 18-year-olds, who have been involved with crimes such as theft, robbery and drug dealing, are also given support to make positive choices about education, training and job opportunities.

One 16-year-old offender, who is now at college and plans to go to university, said: "It's made me see there is more out there I could be doing with my life."

Currently the scheme has a 60 per cent success rate for participants who don't go on to re-offend.

NEWS IN BRIEF



Top frock award

A London Fields fashion firm has scooped a major industry gong, the TopShop Most Promising Production Unit award, at this year's FashionExpo.

GGS Fashions, design and make women's evening wear for high street names including Monsoon, Principles and Planet.

Director Chris Korniotis said: "It's good to be recognised for something we've been doing for some time, especially the ethical side of our work. Hackney is such a vibrant place for young fashion designers and our industry."

What's in a name?

YOUNGSTERS have been asked come up with a catchy name for a new centre for disabled children.

The centre in Downs Park Road, E5, will provide a 'one stop shop' where families can access health, education and social services under one roof.

Due to open next Spring, it is a £6.7m collaboration between the Council, Learning Trust, and local Primary Care Trust.

The competition winner, announced on December 6, will receive a laptop.

Coming up roses

The Primrose Square Community Garden in Hackney is set for Spring after a bulb planting, supported by Sanctuary Housing Association.

Pupils from St John of Jerusalem Church of England Primary School planted the donated bulbs on 30 October.

The Square lies between the school and the New Kingshold Community Centre, in South Hackney.

There are further plans to work with residents and pupils to plant the Square's border and central beds with Spring bulbs, flowering shrubs, roses and wild flowers.



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DID YOU KNOW?

The new centre could help cut the Council's carbon emissions by at least 12 per cent and will use at least 10 per cent renewable energy







1. Drilling the 170 deep foundations to support the building, each is 20 metres deep and filled with concrete
2. Dorothy Hodgkin House had stood on the site since the early 1960s but no longer met the needs of customers and Council staff
3. Open plan offices designed for the most efficient use of space and resources surround the central atrium

A new building for a modern Hackney

A striking building that will be a one-stop shop for residents is being constructed behind the Town Hall. It will be a focal point and emblem for the Council's ongoing drive to provide better services.

WHEN FINISHED THE BUILDING WILL HAVE:

- 170 foundation shafts 20 metres deep
- 228 windows
- 5 lifts
- 200 secure cycle parking spaces
- 20 showers



By **Jacquie Goacher**

The new centre at 1 Hillman Street will bring key services, ranging from handling Council Tax enquiries to promoting recycling, together under one roof for the first time.

KEY FACT

The new building will stand on a foundation base made from the crushed remains of the demolished Dorothy Hodgkin House.

This means it will be much easier for residents to access services. Currently people have to travel across Hackney to over 80 different Council offices to get the help they need.

The building's innovative design by Hopkins Architects will complement the Town Hall. Even from inside the new centre, the 1930s Art Deco, Grade II listed building will be visible through a glass façade, and it is hoped 1 Hillman Street be a fine addition to Hackney's townscape.

The Town Hall is a much loved landmark for many local people and will remain the Council's principal building, after the new centre opens in March 2010. This £48million project will ultimately be funded by the sale of redundant, Council owned, office land on the City fringe.

> **"Updating the old buildings would cost far more in the long term than building this new service hub"**

This re-investment in services has been made possible because the Council is in a strong financial position. Council Chief Executive, Tim Shields, said: "Many of the



Artist's impression of the new customer services centre approached from Reading Lane

old Council offices are in poor condition and don't meet modern standards for access to services, safety and environmental sustainability.

"The old buildings are also expensive to run, many being leased from other owners.

"Retaining and updating them would cost far more in the long term than building this new service hub, which will be more convenient for residents and provide better value for money for Council taxpayers."

MORE INFO

For more information call **020 8356 8044** or log on to **www.hackney.gov.uk/campus**



Ken Hood, Project Director

Q: What's your vision for the new building?
A: To create a really high quality environment, incorporating the latest in sustainable design, which will provide a step change in the customer's experience and Council working environment.

Q: What inspired you?
A: The opportunities the new building will create for: delivering better services; an efficient, dynamic workspace; an exemplar of sustainable design; and flexibility to respond to the future needs and goals of Hackney.

Q: How will the building fit in with its surroundings and Hackney's heritage?
A: The building forms part of the civic campus with the Town Hall and 2 Hillman Street: a complex geared to the civic and administrative needs of the borough. We are keen to reflect the materials of neighbouring buildings, particularly the stone of the Town Hall, and keep the building below six storeys. The new building is a sympathetic, contemporary addition to the civic campus.

Q: What's your favourite part of the building?
A: The atrium will be a new public space for the people of Hackney. It will be the heart and lungs of the building, the focus for people working in the offices and the place where the public will meet.

Q: How do you want people to feel visiting and working in the building?
A: To be excited by it. The building will engender a sense of civic pride. This is a building for the people of the borough, so we particularly want visitors to feel the quality of the environment is a reflection of the quality of the customer care.

Going green – designed with the environment in mind

The new service centre will use green measures to reduce carbon emissions and save energy:

- **Central atrium** – a key design feature that will let in lots of light and form a natural ventilation system
- **Solar power** – panels in the roof will harness the sun's rays to top up the electricity supply
- **Hot water** – from a biomass boiler. Carbon dioxide produced from burning wood pellets will be balanced by carbon dioxide absorbed by trees as they grow
- **Travel** – bringing services under one roof will cut emissions with no need to travel between different offices
- **Materials** – selected to be non-polluting, recycled and renewable where possible

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Countdown to the customer service centre opening



Bomb damage at Reading Lane during the Second World War, April 1941

2007

Aug 2007
Dorothy Hodgkin House demolished and site cleared

Sept-Oct 2007
site checked for unexploded bombs and munitions dating from the Second World War

2008

Nov-Jan 2008
Deep drilling for foundations shafts, filled with reinforced concrete

Feb 2008
Tower cranes due to arrive and building will visibly start to go up.

2009

Winter 2009
Construction work due to be completed

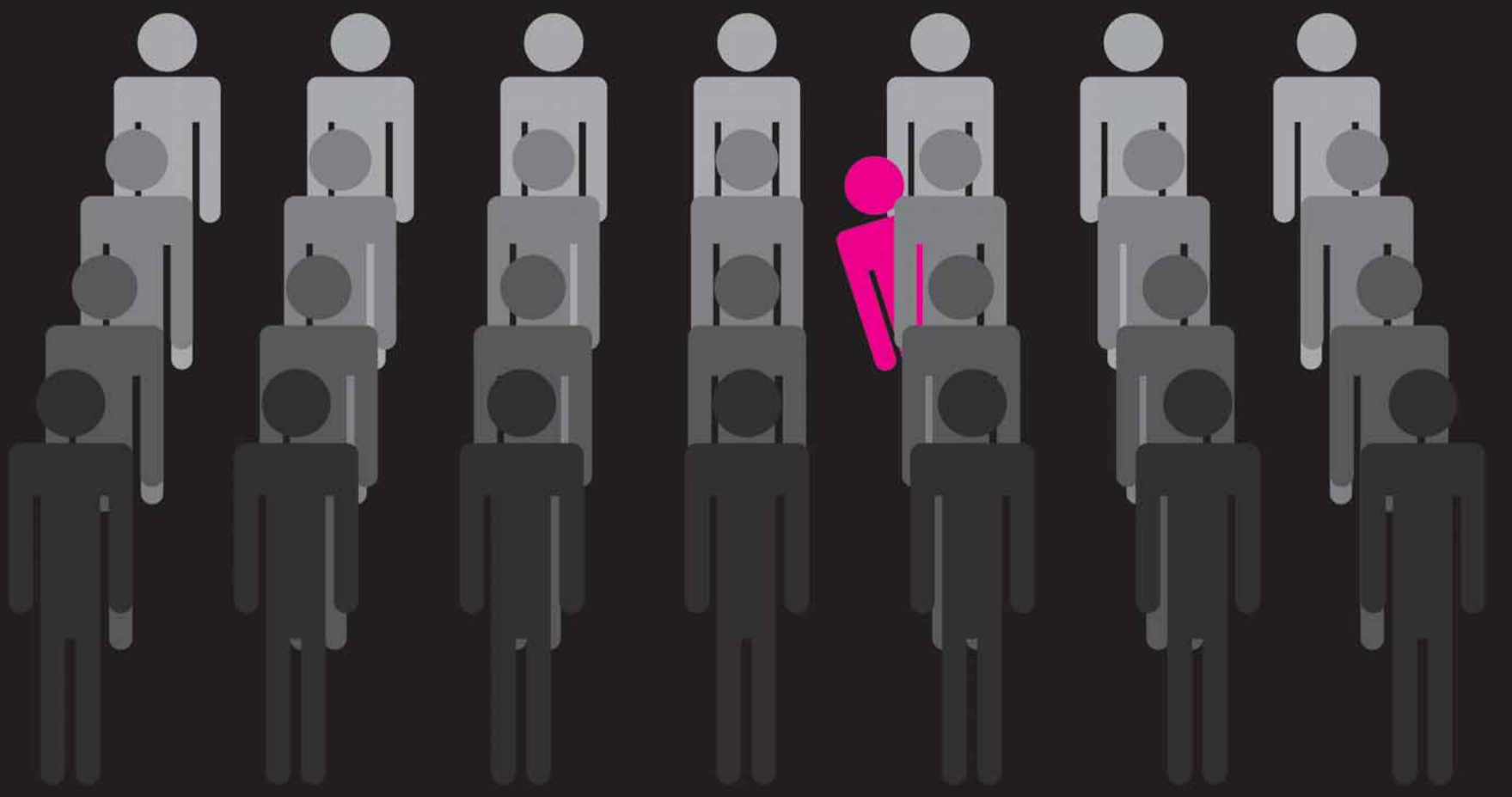
2010

Spring 2010
new customer services centre scheduled to open to the public



An artists's impression of the atrium in the new building

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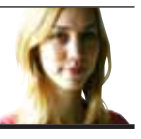
Going for Gold

Paralympic medalist Dervis Konuralp talks about his dream to 'bring back the Big G' …



> I think many people believe that if you've got a disability, you're limited to what you can do. But that's simply not true

Dervis Konuralp takes a break from training at the London Fields Lido



By **Emma Britton**

Swimming sensation Dervis Konuralp is determined to bring back gold from the Paralympic Games next summer – and he reckons living in Hackney gives him a major advantage.



The 27-year-old says the reopening of London Fields Lido was the main reason behind his decision to take the plunge and go for it. He trains three mornings a week at the Lido – the Capital's only outdoor, heated Olympic-sized pool. And with two bronze Paralympic medals already under his belt, he's aiming to bring back 'the big G' for the 100m butterfly.

"When I decided to train for Beijing 2008, the Lido was a major factor. It's the size of pool I'll be competing in, so to have this in my back garden was an opportunity I couldn't ignore," he said.

Dervis, who has lived in Hackney all his life, has Stargardt's Macular Dystrophy, which means he has no central, but perfect peripheral vision. This makes it difficult for him to know exactly where he is in the pool. He said: "With my sight, it helps to train in a 50m pool because I know when the wall is coming up, how many strokes it takes to get there, and I can do turns correctly at each end of the pool."

Dervis was diagnosed with the condition aged nine, but discovered sport was an area where he could compete with his classmates.

"I didn't need to see the blackboard, use a computer or read a book. It was an environment where the amount of sight I had, allowed me to be on a par with fellow students. I enjoyed all sports, but I took to swimming like a duck to water," he said.

At secondary school, Dervis was spotted by swimming coach Michelle Weltman – still with him today – and his career really took off.

He won numerous national competitions, before becoming one of the youngest swimmers to take part in the 1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games, aged just 15, where he came fifth.

Dervis has since gone on to win bronze medals in the Paralympic Games at Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004. And has broken numerous world records. But it is the gold next summer, which will really make him proud. "The ultimate stage is the Paralympics and that's what people remember you for," he said.

Dervis, who is half Turkish Cypriot, half English, is one of six children. He works for the family business, as well as swimming twice a day, six days a weeks. He hopes Hackney's role as a host borough for the 2012 Games will inspire young people. "It's vital children understand what disabled people can achieve. I think many people believe that if you've got a disability, you're limited to what you can do. But that's simply not true."

Curriculum Vitae
Dervis Konuralp



1980 Born & grew up in Hackney. Attends London Fields Primary & George Orwell secondary school in Islington.
1989 Learnt to swim at Britannia Leisure Centre
1992 Met coach Michelle Weltman and started training at Clissold Baths
1993 First ever competition – national disability short-course championships in Darlington, bronze
1996 Atlanta Paralympic Games – fifth place, breast stroke
2000 Sydney Paralympic Games – bronze medal for 50m freestyle (26 secs – new personal best)
2004 Athens Paralympic Games – bronze medal for 200m individual medley
2007 Training at London Fields Lido for Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games

MORE INFO

Follow Dervis' Olympic dream, at: **www.dervis.co.uk**

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THE GREEN GENIE

All your recyling questions answered

Q: I've recently purchased a compost bin. I've heard that you have to get the right mix of materials and balance your 'greens' and 'browns'. What does this mean?

A: Great ingredients for composting include fruit and vegetable peelings, tea bags, plant trimmings and grass cuttings, known as 'greens'. They rot quickly and provide important gases and moisture.
Other things to compost include cardboard, egg boxes, scrunched up paper and fallen leaves, these are known as 'browns' and rot slower. They provide fibre and carbon and allow air pockets to form in the mixture.
Good compost does rely on getting the mix right and keeping your greens and browns properly balanced.
If your compost is too wet, add more browns. If it is too dry, add some greens. Making sure there is enough air in the mixture is also important for successful home composting.

MORE INFO

To ask the Genie a question e-mail: **recycling@hackney.gov.uk** or write to: **Green Genie, Recycling, 2nd Floor, 263 Mare Street, E8 3HT**.
For more information on recycling in the borough call: **020 8356 6688**, or visit: **www.hackney.gov.uk/recycling**

Golden brown



Leaves are a good source of free garden compost

All stories by **Annie Gilbert**

This year has seen one of the most beautiful Autumns in living memory.

A wet summer followed by mild temperatures at the end of the year, has produced glorious displays of golden, brown, red and orange leaves across the country.

So now is a great time to remind people that recycling falling leaves is one of the easiest ways to make free, garden compost.

Follow these easy steps to create the perfect leaf mould. It's so simple, it shouldn't take you more than 15 minutes:

- Take a black bin liner and make some holes in the side and bottom
- Rake up fallen leaves and place them in the bag
- When almost full, sprinkle them with water, shake and tie
- Store in a shady spot, or in your garden shed if you have one.
- Be patient, by the following Autumn the leaves will have rotted down into a rich, crumbly mixture, which can be used as a mulch on flower beds and around the base of plants

Leaf mould is suitable for all types of soil, reduces the need for peat, and provides free, organic matter that can also be used in seed and potting mixes if well rotted. Alternatively, you can recycle your autumn leaves using the Brown Bin garden waste scheme in participating areas.

The leaves gathered in your garden or drive will be sent for composting and used on Hackney's parks and green spaces.

SAY GOODBYE TO STANDBY

Leaving TVs and other appliances on standby wastes 12 per cent of electricity used in the UK.



Get sorted

RECYCLING crews have issued a plea to residents to help them speed up their rounds by sorting waste before putting it out for collection.

People are asked to separate out their Green Box recycling into different groups for paper, glass, plastic bottles and so on.

The Council crews sift through your waste at the kerbside to make sure unsuitable items don't make it into the recycling stream.

Quickly sorting through people's recycling in busy streets, with other vehicles often waiting to pass the collection trucks, can be a difficult task however.

So residents can help crews sort more quickly and efficiently, by grouping together the recycling in their Green Boxes. Any plastic bags used to separate materials will also be recycled.

Items left behind by crews should not be placed out for future collections, as that means they have been identified as contaminates.



For more information on recycling visit:
www.hackney.gov.uk/recycling

JOIN IN



A participant tries on a natty jumper at the 'clothes swap event' at Shoreditch Town Hall

Your clothes or mine?

FASHION freaks, bargain hunters and collectors of vintage threads all found something they wanted at a novel 'clothes swap' event.

Participants had to register in advance and over 40 people turned up on the day with lots of desirable items to exchange.

Designers from Reclaimed Fashion and goodone were also on hand to help shoppers customise new garments.

Hackney resident, Carole Concha-Bell, said: "The clothes swap is a really great idea. It incorporates both fashion and sustainability in a novel way. A thoroughly enjoyable event, and a great opportunity to meet like-minded people."

The event on 24 October, in Shoreditch Town Hall, was the first of its kind organised by the Council's recycling team.

It offered residents a great opportunity to reuse unwanted clothes and pick up some funky fashion tips from the professionals.

Currently, around one million tonnes of textiles enter the waste stream every year but in Hackney, there are a number of options to recycle your old clothes.

If you live in a street level property, you can put clothing and shoes in your Green Box collection, remember to place clothes in a plastic bag to keep them dry, and tie all shoes together.

There are also a number of textile banks scattered across the borough at various recycling points.

Plus the Council holds four Give or Take events a year when you can swap all sorts of unwanted household items including clothing.

Watch out for details of upcoming recycling events in the Green Matters section of your new look Hackney Today.

MORE INFO

For more info visit:
www.reclaimfashion.com
or: **www.goodone.co.uk**

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Where can I purchase the compostable liners?

You can purchase the liners from the shop below. Liners cost £0.99 for 10, or £3.99 for 52.

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C & C Décor	352A Mare Street	E8 1HR
Costcutter Supermarket	143 Mare Street	E8 3RH
Bradburys Ironmongers	79-81 Broadway Market	E8 4HP
Neha News	31 Kenworthy Road	E9 5RB
M Organics	229-231 Kingsland Road	E2 8AN
Brothers Supermaket	180 Chatsworth Road	E5 0LT
Klein's Minimarket	113 Upper Clapton Road	E5 9BU
Hoxton Supermarket	293 Hoxton Street	N1 5JX
Fresh & Wild Ltd	32-40 Stoke Newington Church Street	N16 0LU
Johns Garden Centre	175 Stoke Newington Church Street	N16 0LU
Mother Earth Health Food	5 Albion Parade, Albion Street	N16 9LD
Londis Foodstores	76 Fountayne Road	N16 7DT
Fairdeal Homestores	80 Dunsmure Road	N16 5JY
Domestic Stores	94 Oldhill St	N16 6NA
Berry's	1A Holmwood Court, Stamford Hill	N16 5RY
Watermint Grocers	Watermint Quay, Craven Walk	N16 6BL

Or online at www.gardeningdelights.com

For more information, phone the recycling hotline on 020 8356 6688 or visit www.hackney.gov.uk/recycling

*Residents can only use Wenterra Bio Bags, these have been approved by London Waste Limited.

recycle for London Hackney

Befriending Volunteers URGENTLY REQUIRED

Hackney's Community Resource Team runs a Befriending Scheme for older people in the borough.

We need volunteers who will offer companionship for older people who may be isolated, lonely or housebound.

Volunteers need to have a genuine interest in the well being of older people and be able to offer a minimum of one hour per week of volunteer time.

We currently have volunteering opportunities in: -

- Home Visiting befriending
- Telephone befriending
- Accompanying an older person for an appointment

We particularly welcome anyone who has wheelchair handling experience.

Training is given to all our volunteers. Please call the Community Resource Team on **020 7275 7092** for more information. Your voluntary time will help improve the quality of life for an older person in our community.



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To place your advertisement in Hackney Today

Call **David Roberts** on: 020 8356 2416
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From 'Nails & Beauty' to 'Fork Lift Truck' training – your young person is sure to find something that they are interested in.

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Art/photography materials, nail/hair kits, uniforms, work books, interview clothes, travel expenses, equipment needed for courses, etc.

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A page by young people in Hackney

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THIS page has been compiled with the help of young people who work on Contrast magazine, which is written by and for Hackney young people.
It celebrates the experiences, lifestyle and successes of Hackney's youth and is a place where they can share their unique view of the world.
An editorial team of 13 to 19-year-olds decide the content, produce the articles, designs and illustrations with the support of an experienced production team from Social Spider – a not-for-profit design, communication and social action agency.
For more information on how to get involved e-mail: **contrast@socialspider.com**, or visit: **www.socialspider.com**







THE sixth annual Teenage Kicks football tournament attracted over 350 players this year. The popular event, run by SKY Partnership, drew entries from 35 teams of boys and girls aged 12-18. The series of matches on Friday nights in October drew crowds to pitches at Britannia Leisure Centre, Shoreditch. Five local young people also got the opportunity to learn about event management by helping organisers the tournament. Winning teams included: Evergreen, Homerton FC, LG Allstars, Stamford Hill, Hidden Talent, Incrediblez, Nuttal St, Cool Guys, Haggerston YIP Up & Comin, Fermin, Heatwave Girls and Lynzell Girls.

Not so different

A 16-year-old writes challenges assumptions about young people in care

SOME people say that it is because of a disability, others say it is because their parents do not want them.

Well, the only way that people's eyes will be open is by me telling you what it is like being a care leaver right here in Hackney.

There is lot of stigma about being in care. People are put into care for reasons including family break-up, parental problems or if they are vulnerable or in danger. You may think these things do not happen but I got news for you... they do!

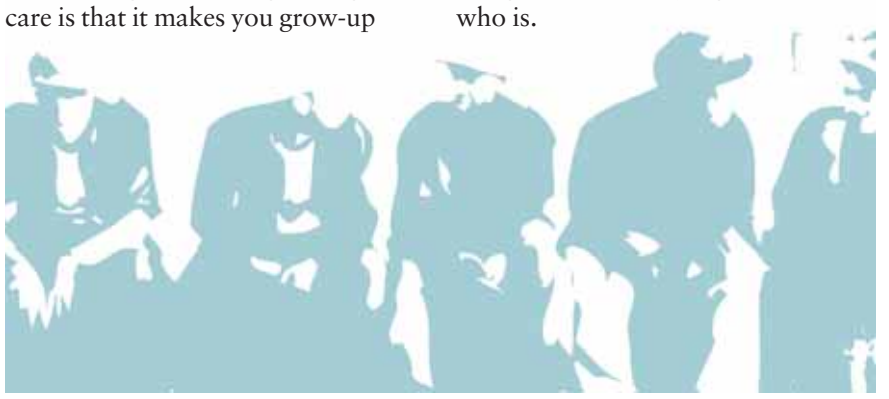
Most people assume that I, and others in care, are disruptive, rude and out of control, but that is not true.

One thing about being in long-term care is that it makes you grow-up faster and appreciate what you have.

> "Being in long-term care makes you grow up faster and appreciate what you've got"

I am lucky that I have experienced both good and bad carers. However some people have a difficult time in care and the fact they can feel left out at times can make it worse.

Until you know what it is like being in care, don't judge someone who is.





Being there

A young person writes about Sheema Meah – Hackney's Corporate Parenting Support Officer

Sheema's job is to help cared for young people to understand their rights and support them.
She is there to listen to cared for young people, befriend them and advocate for them.
She is responsible for making sure their views are taken into account during the planning of services in Hackney.
She also organises workshops, trips and fun activities, and provides information about opportunities and responsibilities.

MORE INFO

To get in touch with Sheema, call **020 8356 6327, 07976 113 343**, or e-mail: **sheema.meah@hackney.gov.uk**

HYP Hackney Youth Parliament

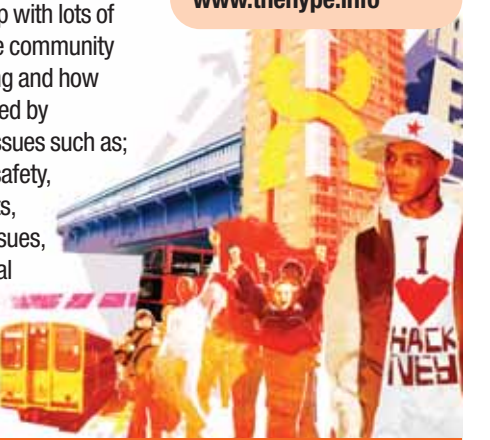
What's all the HYPe?

Lindsey Jones reports on her time with Hackney Youth Parliament (HYP)

OUR youth parliament is supported by the Council's Youth Services, to enable young people to come together as one group to discuss and influence local issues.
HYP acts as the voice of young people, enabling us to have a say in decision-making and effect change.
It comes up with ideas that motivate young people, showing them alternative ways to live their lives by introducing them to people and organisations you can go to for help, advice, or just to chat.
We have come up with lots of ways to show the community what is happening and how people are affected by important local issues such as; crime, personal safety, postcode conflicts, environmental issues, sexual and mental health.
We have looked at these issues via events, publications, peer led training, residentials and consultations.
We feed local issues through to the UK Youth Parliament, where we meet other young people from boroughs all over London and campaign on common issues.

MORE INFO

Contact Hackney Youth Participation Team's Nathan Cato: **07976 342 244**, or Helen Greaves: **07968 028 311**; or visit: **www.thehype.info**



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what's on

TOP FIVE

There's so much to do in and around Hackney. From theatre to club nights, art exhibtions to community events. Here's our pick of what's on this fortnight:

1. HACKNEY IN FOCUS
Photography exhibition upstairs at the Marie Lloyd Bar curated by students at LSBU. Submit your photographs between 5 and 9 December ▸ See Art

2. SPITALFIELDS WINTER FESTIVAL
Classical music, literature readings, and community events at this annual festival ▸ See Preview

3. CHISENHALE DANCE SPACE
Workshops for all ages. Plus performance featuring Jessica Lerner ▸ See Courses

4. BAR KICK
Bar on Shoreditch High Street with free film, theatre and music events every month ▸ See Nightlife

5. LAURISTON SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR
Kick off your Christmas shopping in style at Lauriston School's craft fair. ▸ See Art

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PREVIEW

Dick Whittington and His Cat

Christmas may seem miles away now, but hurry because, tickets to London's most popular panto at Hackney Empire are on sale now. Get em while you can!

▸ See inside for more details and a chance to win tickets to the hit show.



also in what's on


COURSES


HEALTH & FITNESS

Melvyn Tan plays at the Spitalfields Music Festival


Photograph: Sheila Rock

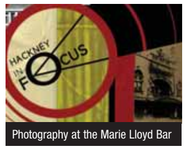
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ARTS

ISLINGTON ART SOCIETY AUTUMN EXHIBITION
23 Nov-1 Dec, 1-4pm (3-7pm on 29 Nov). Annual art exhibition. Gallery, Stoke Newington Library, Stoke Newington Church St, N16.

ABANDONED
Until 25 Nov. Two exhibitions by contemporary artists, Tina Carr and Annemarie Schön, working in the photographic medium using contrasting methods. Contemporary Art Projects, 20 Rivington St, EC2. Wed-Sun, 12-6pm, Mon-Tue by appt. **Info: 020 7739 1743, 07799 776 016, or:** www.commentart.com/gallery/contemporary_art_projects


Artwork by Maria F.



Photography at the Marie Lloyd Bar

MARIA F
1 Dec, 2-5pm & 2 Dec, 12-3pm. A retrospective exhibition of visionary artwork by original Hackney artist Maria F. Hoxton Hall, 130 Hoxton St, N1. **Info: 020 7684 0060, or:** www.hoxtonhall.co.uk

HACKNEY YOUTH ORCHESTRAS
1 Dec, 11am. Concert of classical and popular pieces by orchestras, ensembles and soloists with refreshments and raffle. Stoke Newington School Theatre, Clissold Rd, N16. Doors 10.30am. Free (suggested donation to charity £3 /£2 concs). **Info: 07913 850 889, or e-mail:** hyot@hotmail.co.uk

HOPE AND DESPAIR
Until 2 Dec. Group exhibition, curated by Bob Matthews, that takes as its starting point the notion that all artists have the capacity to be hopeful. Cell Project Space, 258 Cambridge Heath Rd, E2. Free. Fri-Sun, 12-6pm, or by appointment. **Info: 020 7241 3600, or:** www.cell.org.uk

HACKNEY IN FOCUS
5-9 Dec (submission of images). **11 Dec, 4-8pm** (official opening). Photography exhibition curated by third year Digital Photography students at LSBU brings together images of Hackney by the local community. Marie Lloyd Bar (upstairs), Hackney Empire, 289 Mare St, E8. To take part, submit your images via the website: **www.hackneyinfocus.co.uk. Info: lsbu.exhibition07@gmail.com**

To advertise your arts event here email: whatson@hackney.gov.uk

CINEMA

VUE CINEMA ISLINGTON
Beowulf (12A), Brick Lane (15), and Jesus Camp (PG). 36 Parkfield St, N1. **More releases/ info: 08712 240 240.**

CINEWORLD WOOD GREEN
Lions for Lambs (15) and Om Shanti Om (12A). Wood Green Shopping City, off Noel Park Rd, N22. **More releases/bookings: 0871 200 2000. Info: www.cineworld.co.uk**

What's Hackney's favourite film?

TAKE PART

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Art Deco re-modelling of the Rio cinema in Dalston, a search has been launched to discover Hackney's favourite film.
Is it a golden oldie like Casablanca? Hitchcock thriller like Rear Window? Modern classic like Pulp Fiction? Or world cinema like Almodóvar's Talk To Her?
Take part and you could win discounted tickets to a special screening of the winning film, when there will be a host of other goodies up for grabs.

Closing date is 26 November. E-mail your vote to: **favourite@riocinema.org.uk**

HOLLYWOOD GREEN (SHOWCASE)
Good Luck Chuck (15) and Ratatouille (U). 180 High Rd, Wood Green, N22. **More releases/ bookings: 0870 162 8960.**

ODEON HOLLOWAY
Eastern Promises (18) and Into The Wild (15). 419-427 Holloway Rd, N7. **More releases: 0871 22 44 007. Info: www.odeon.co.uk**

ODEON LEE VALLEY
Stardust (PG) and American Gangster (18). Lee Valley Leisure Complex, Picketts Lock Lane, Edmonton, N9. **More releases call Filmline: 0871 22 44 007. Info: www.odeon.co.uk**

RIO CINEMA
24 Nov, 11.30pm, late night show Nosferatu, A Symphony of Horror (PG). 107 Kingsland High St, E8. **Info: 020 7241 9410, or visit: www.riocinema.org.uk**

STRATFORD EAST PICTUREHOUSE
Enchanted (PG) and Lions for Lambs (15). Salway Rd, E15. **More releases/info: 0871 704 2066, or: www.picturehouses.co.uk**

Competition

Wake up your tastebuds!

Hackney Today is offering readers a chance to win a pair of tickets to beer tasting training at the Pig's Ear Festival

WHY does a beer taste of lemon or pears or even chocolate? What causes a beer to have hints of TCP? How does a brewer make a golden beer or a stout?
If you would like to find out more and learn how to taste beer, then CAMRA is giving you a unique opportunity to win two places on their beer tasting course at the Pigs Ear Beer Festival on Saturday, 8 December.
The course will go through the whole range of beer flavours and help you understand the different beer styles you can find.
And, of course, it will give you the opportunity to try the knowledge out in a pint or two! The tasting starts at noon and lasts about three hours.

To win, simply answer the following question: What does Pig's Ear stand for in Cockney rhyming slang? Answers on a postcard, with your name, address and contact telephone number by 30 November to: Pig's Ear competition, Hackney Today, Communications, 2 Hillman Street, E8 1FB. Or e-mail: lee.ray@hackney.gov.uk

Competition winners

In issue 171, Hackney Today offered readers a chance to win tickets to see Paul Merton's show Silent Clowns at the Hackney Empire.

The lucky winners were: Gary Davis, N16, Ann Infield, E5 & Anne King, E8.

Just when you thought it *wasn't* safe to go back into the 'OCEAN'...

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Entrance Fee: Camra Members: £2, Friday £3 Non-Members: £4, Friday £5 Students: Free!* *On production of a valid NUS card
Directions: Rail: Hackney Central (North London Line),Hackney Downs/London Fields (From Liverpool Street) Buses: 30,38,48,55,56,106,236,242, 253,254,276,277,394,D6 & W15

For further information go to: www.pigsear.co.uk

COURSES

ACTIVITIES @ CHISENHALE DANCE SPACE
26 Nov-2 Dec. Programme of workshops for different ages and performances featuring artist Jessica Lerner. 64-84 Chisenhale Rd, E3. **Info: 020 8981 6617, or:** www.chisenhaledancespace.co.uk/interplay.htm


Performance by Jessica Lerner

THE DRAMA HUB
Tue, 7.30pm (until 18 Dec). Drop in classes for adults, provides experienced and aspiring performers with opportunities to discover and develop new drama skills. Eastbourne House, Bullards Pl, off Morpeth St, E2. Different tutors will lead a different skill each week. **Info: Brooke Gallagher: 0770 311 2510, or e-mail:** brooke@freshwatertheatre.co.uk


Acoustic guitar for all ages

THE VILLAGE GUITAR STUDIO
Acoustic guitar tuition for adults and children. Classical (ABRSM grades), finger-picking, song accompaniment, general introduction to the guitar. Village Guitar Studio, Victoria Park, E9. Beginners welcome. **Info: 020 8985 8951 or e-mail:** jonhoward@tiscali.co.uk

SPANISH TUITION
Conversation, grammar etc, all levels and groups welcome, materials provided. £20 p/hr. **Info: Javier 07772 567 979, or e-mail:** jsosa@btinternet.com

MUSIC TUITION
Learn to play instruments, especially guitar and piano, and the songs you love in the comfort of your home. Experienced tutors with references, all ages welcome. **Info: 07877 123 370, or visit:** www.musictutors4you.com

GERMAN TUITION
Conversation classes with native German speaker. Near Hackney Downs. £20 per hour. **Info: 07719 817 713, or e-mail:** gmurdter@yahoo.co.uk

To advertise classes or a course here email: whatson@hackney.gov.uk

HEALTH & FITNESS

GET ACTIVE BY 'WALKINGTOGETHER'
For simple, easy steps towards a healthier lifestyle, take part in healthy walks across Hackney. Suitable for all ages, walks 30-60mins with a trained health walk leader also trained in first aid. **Info Surbjit Mahey: 07891 498 150, or e-mail:** surbjit.mahey@learningtrust.co.uk

LISHI ARTS
Every Mon, 8-9.30pm, & Thurs, 6.30-8.30pm. Beginners' classes: Fitness, Self Defence, Dance - get energised. Elizabeth House, Hurlock St, N5. **Info Mem or Vicky: 07981 589 881.**

HOMEOPATHY SESSIONS
Low cost help for low-income families in Hackney, supported by Inner City Outer Space. Lightsite, 14 Allen Rd, N16. Consultations £4+, £2 per remedy (proof of child tax credits or housing benefit will be required). **Info/bookings: 020 7249 2425.**

ULTIMATE FITNESS CLASSES
Every Weds, 6-6.45pm: Legs, Tums & Bums and **7-7.45pm:** Aerobics. **Sat, 9.45-10.45am:** Aerobics. Hackney Free & Parochial CE Secondary School, Paragon Rd, E8. £2.50 a session, beginners welcome. **Info Helen Connor: 020 8985 2430.**

CHALLENGING YOGA CLASS
Every Fri, 11am-12.30pm. All ages welcome. Hackney Wick Community Centre, 80 Eastway, E9. £3 a session. **Info Juliet: 020 7241 5909.**

To advertise classes or a club here email: whatson@hackney.gov.uk

NIGHTLIFE

THE COMEDY CAFÉ
The only purpose built comedy club in Hackney. 66/68 Rivington St, EC2. **Every Wed:** New Act Night, doors 7pm, show 9pm, free. **Thurs:** top comics, doors 7pm, show 9pm, £8. **Fri:** early show, top comics, no dancing, doors 6pm, show 8pm, £5. **Sat:** Party Night, doors 6pm, show 9pm, dancing 'til 1am, £15. **Info: 020 7739 5706, or:** www.comedycafe.co.uk

RED ROSE COMEDY CLUB
Shows every Sat. 129 Seven Sisters Rd, N7. Doors 8pm, show 9pm, £10/£6 concs (members discount). **Bookings: 07963 618 333/08700 600 100, or:** www.redrosecomedy.co.uk

OVER 50s DANCING SOCIAL
30 Nov, 6-10.30pm. Reggae and Soca music, no bar – bring your own beverage (in moderation). St Paul's Church Hall, Stoke Newington High Rd (cnr Amhurst Rd), N16. **Info Barbara: 07778 680 069.**

HERBAL NIGHTCLUB
A selection of the best international and UK DJ's from every genre. 10-14 Kingsland Rd, E2. Fri & Sat, 9pm-3am, Sun, 9pm-2am. **Info: 020 7613 4462 or** w2.herbaluk.com


Michael Mwenso

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20-24 Nov, the London Jazz Festival swings in to Stratford with a series of performances. 27-30 Nov, live music or DJ sets. Theatre Royal Bar, Gerry Raffles Sq, E15. Free. **Info: www.stratfordeast.com/music.php**

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Bar Kick, Shoreditch

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PREVIEW

Dick Whittington

Following last year's massively successful panto Cinderella, the Hackney Empire returns with a rip-roaring, swash-buckling version of Dick Whittington and His Cat. The show has had fantastic reviews – the Sunday Times Culture magazine rated it the 'number 1 Christmas event of 2007', and The Independent labelled it 'the perfect family pantomime'.
There is a fabulous cast, with Olivier award-winning Clive Rowe dressing up as Sarah the Cook, Tameka Empson from Three Non Blondes fame returning to the Empire as Fairy Bowbells, and Hackney panto favourite, MTV and Choice FM star Kat returning to Mare St to play Idle Jack following his much praised role of Wishy Washy in Aladdin.

Competition

WIN!! A pair of tickets to see Dick Whittington

Hackney Today has two family tickets for four people to give away to a performance on 4 December at 7pm. **To win, simply send in your name, address and contact telephone number by 30 November to: Dick Whittington competition, Hackney Today, Communications, 2 Hillman Street, E8 1FB.**

Hannah Jane Fox as Dick, top left, Clive Rowe as Sarah the Cook and Kat as Idle Jack

SPORT

TAEKWONDO CLASSES
Every Mon & Wed, Easy Studio, 60-64 Kingsland Rd, E2. All ages welcome. **Times, fees and info: 020 7033 4660, or:** www.bozdag-taekwondo.com

KALI STICKFIGHTING
Train like the '300' Spartans' and learn the skills as taught by instructors to actors in the hit Hollywood movie. Bob Breen Academy, 16 Hoxton Sq, N1. £75 p/mth for unlimited martial arts classes including three weaponry classes p/wk. **Info: 020 7729 5789.**

SHOTOKAN KARATE
Every Wed, 6-7pm & Sat, 11.30am-12.30pm, chief instructor Sensei A. Moussaoui, 5th Dan. Kings Hall Leisure Centre, 39 Lower Clapton Rd, E5. £7 adults, £5 children. **Info: 07957 630463, e-mail:** sobellkarateclubsecretary@yahoo.co.uk, **or visit:** www.sobellkarate.com

SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS
Every Sat, 11am-1pm. Indoor athletics for beginners, aged 8-13, in a fun and safe environment. Space, Falkirk St, N1. £1. **Info Des Ryner: 07956 375 078.**

CHI-KUNG CLASSES
Sun, 10.30-11.30am. Ancient Chinese form of exercise that combines slow and gentle movements with calm and regular breathing and meditation.

Don't miss our next issue out on 3 December

DON'T MISS


Werner Schuering


Calefax, left and Tina Brooks appearing at the Spitalfields Festival

PREVIEW

Classical extravaganza

By **Paul Knipe**

THE acclaimed Spitalfields Winter Festival unfolds this December, promising a veritable feast of classical music, literature readings, and community events.

Some of the classical music avant-garde will be performing a mix of timeless favourites and more experimental arrangements during the 10 day festival.

Highlights include Messiaen's rarely played work Quatour pour la fin du temps performed by Melvyn Tan, Tasmin Little, Thomas Carroll and Dmitri Ashkenazy; a unique arrangement of Bach's timeless Goldberg Variations by the Nonsuch Singers; and performances of Schbert's Mass in E flat major and Wagner's Siegfried Idyll by the Choir of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

The Winter Festival also sees the return of the much loved Community Carols – a free event for all the family.

More info: call 020 7377 1362, or visit: www.spitalfieldsfestival.org.uk



Defoe Rd, Stoke Newington, N16. Six classes £36, drop-in £7.50. **Info/bookings: 07930 747 586, or 07941 939 670.**

To advertise classes or a club here email: whatson@hackney.gov.uk

THEATRE

THE HACKNEY PLAYERS

30 Nov & 1 Dec, 7.30pm. Drama group presents two of Alan Bennett's much-loved Talking Heads monologues: A Cream Cracker Under The Settee & A Lady Of Letters. Summit Estate Community Hall, off Portland Ave, N16. £6 adv, £8 door (£5 concs), **Info: 07986 712 064, or e-mail: thehackneyplayers@googlemail.com**

ONE NINETEEN

Until 1 Dec, 8.15pm. Net Curtains Theatre Company presents Tim Stimpson's new play, which lifts the lid on our ravenous news culture and how we respond to environmental catastrophe. Arcola Theatre, Studio 2, 27 Arcola St, E8. £13/£9 concs (except Sat), Tue, Pay What You Can. Box office: 020 7503 1646. **Info: 020 7503 1645, or: www.arcolatheatre.com**



CINDERELLA

1 Dec-19 Jan, 7pm. Pantomime, set on the fairytale island of Guadalumpa will be a colourful cocktail of hilarity, wonder and romance. Theatre Royal Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Sq, E15. School matinees: 10.15am & 1.45pm. Sat & holiday matinees: 3pm. Term time weekday: adults £10/16, children & concs £6/10; Sat & school holidays: adults £12/19, children & concs £8/12. **Box Office: 020 8534 0310, or visit: www.stratfordeast.com**

To advertise a performance or an event here email: whatson@hackney.gov.uk

NOTICEBOARD

ISLAMIC AWARENESS WEEK

19-25 Nov. Celebrating with displays and special events at Hackney Libraries. **23 Nov, 6-7.45pm**, 'Islam & Environment' Muzammal Hussain, CLR James Library, 24-30 Dalston Lane, E8. **Info: 020 8356 1665. 24 Nov**, henna painting for kids, 11am-12.30pm, Clapton Library, Northwold Rd, E5. **Info: 020 8356 1620.** Plus **2-3.30pm**, Hackney Central Library, TLC, 1 Reading Lane, E8. **Info: 020 8356 2542**.

CHRISTMAS FETE

24 Nov, 1pm. Games, stalls, children's area with bouncy castle, lots of prizes and fun. St Michael & All Angels London Fields, cnr of Lansdowne Dr & Lavender Gr, E8. Santa arrives at 1.30pm. Admission 30p, £1 a child.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

24 Nov, 2pm. St John of Jerusalem Church, Lauriston Rd, South Hackney, E9. Admission 50p.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

24 Nov, 11am-3pm. For The King's Centre. Frampton Park Baptist Church, Frampton Park Rd, E9. Free. **Info Karon: 020 8985 0877.**

ROOF TOP NURSERY

24 Nov, 10.30am-3.30pm. Fun Day event to celebrate the nursery's 2nd anniversary – a variety of events incl, arts & crafts, raffles/prizes, face painting, jumble sale and more. 6 Ottaway St, E5. All welcome. **Info Hafiza/Genny: 020 8986 2006.**

ST AUGUSTINE'S TOWER

25 Nov, 2-4.30pm. Visit Hackney's oldest building, find out about its history and climb the 135 stairs for the view. Narroway, Mare St, E8. Disabled access to ground floor includes poster history of the building and Virtual Reality Exhibition. **Info: www.hhbt.org.uk**

LAURISTON SCHOOL CRAFT FAIR

1 Dec, 11am-4pm. Gifts galore plus Father Christmas, refreshments, raffles, children's workshop and lots more. Rutland Rd, E9. **To book a stall: Lorraine 020 8985 6331.**

BENTHAL PRIMARY SCHOOL WINTER FAIR

1 Dec, 12-3pm. Santa's Grotto, stalls, and seasonal fun. Benthal Rd, N16. **Info: 07974 725 863.**

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

1 & 2 Dec, 12-5pm. The perfect opportunity to find unusual Christmas gifts, event includes musical entertainment, morris dancing, children's activities and festive refreshments. Sutton House, 2 & 4 Homerton High St, E9. Adult £2, accompanied children under 18 & National Trust Members free. **Info: 020 8986 2264.**

WINTER WARM-UP

2 Dec, 3pm. Listen to the greatest melodies, including Gershwin, Mozart, Scott Joplin, Beethoven and many more, featuring Rachel Taite. St John the Baptist: Hoxton, 85 Pitfield St, N1. Event in aid of the Streetlevel Project, a schools and detached youth work project, and St John's Church building repair. £6 adults, £3 pensioners & students. **Info: 020 7739 9823.**

OLDER PEOPLE'S REFERENCE GROUP

11 Dec, 10am-12noon. Social Care services for older people in Hackney over the next five years with Eve Oldham – Joint Commissioner for Older People's Services. Trinity Centre, Beechwood Rd, E8. Come and have your say. **Info: call David, Age Concern Hackney on: 020 7241 5906.**

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Been to something brilliant in Hackney? Send us a review and we'll publish it in Hackney Today. Content should be no longer than 250 words. Please include a contact telephone number. E-mail us at: **htnews@hackney.gov.uk**

We reserve the right to edit any material.

Beating the bullies



By **Emma Britton**

YOUNG people in the borough have been taking a stand against bullies as part of a national campaign.

A film made by students based on their own experiences has been shown in school assemblies across Hackney.

It looks at how pupils are affected by bullying and discusses ways to tackle the issue.

Young people also worked with top advertising agencies to design posters for national Anti-Bullying Week (19-23 November), which have been displayed across Hackney.

At Our Lady's Convent RC School, four students were trained in peer research so they could interview other pupils about how they have been affected.

> **Young people also worked with top advertising agencies to design posters for national Anti-Bullying Week**

Their findings were used to help shape their school's anti-bullying policy and these students will be delivering assemblies on the subject to fellow pupils.

The events were the culmination of a year-long, borough-wide anti-bullying campaign led by the LearningTrust.

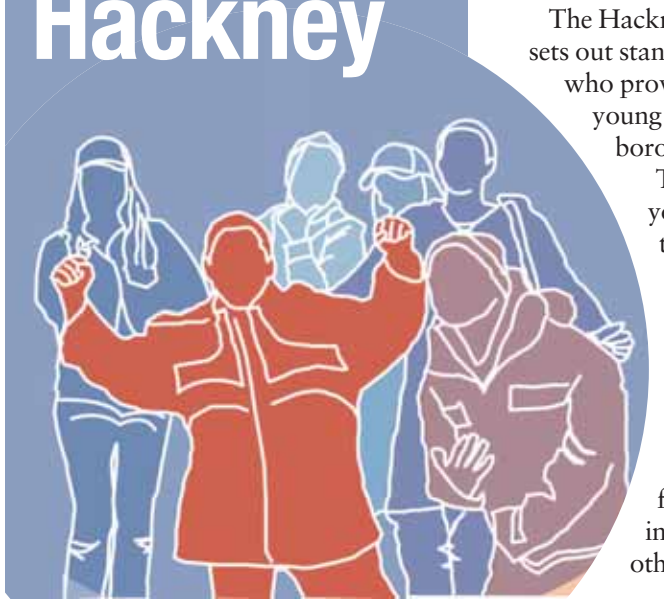
MORE INFO

For more information visit: **www.learningtrust.co.uk/anti-bullying**



Some of the artwork for the anti-bullying campaign designed in collaboration with a top advertising agency

Listening to young Hackney



By **Karyn Michael**

YOUNG people in Hackney are set to have more influence on decisions that affect them following the launch of their own charter.

The Hackney Youth Charter sets out standards for all those who provide services for young people in the borough.

Thirteen local young people were trained as peer researchers to help put it together.

They distributed and collected questionnaires, and conducted focus groups and interviews with 300 other young people in schools, colleges, youth clubs and on the street.

The peer researchers were supported by CityZEN, Hackney Youth Service and The Learning Trust.

A screening of the charter DVD, explaining what it means to Hackney youth, was shown at its official launch at Hackney Community College in Hoxton on 9 November.

Steve Goodman, Deputy Director for Children and Young People's Services at Hackney Council, said: "This is our commitment to making sure that there is a way for young people to be heard… and make a difference."

MORE INFO

Download the charter from: **www.hackney.gov.uk/youth-service**

Another 'outstanding' Hackney school

By **Karyn Michael**



A HACKNEY school has been praised as 'outstanding' by the independent watchdog Ofsted, following a recent inspection.

Stoke Newington Media Arts and Science College was praised for its 'culture of high expectations'.

The report added that 'students achieve outstandingly well, are happy at school and leave very well prepared for the future'.

Headteacher, Mark Emmerson, pictured, said: "We are really delighted to have formal recognition of the year on year improvement that has been the product of an enormous amount of hard work by staff, students, parents and governors."

Alan Wood, Chief Executive of The Learning Trust, added: "I would like to congratulate everyone at Stoke Newington for this 'outstanding' report."

This is the third secondary school in Hackney to be rated as 'outstanding' following similar reports for Mossbourne Community Academy and Yesodey Hatorah Secondary School for Girls.

MORE INFO

The full report can be read at: **www.ofsted.gov.uk**

Hackney Drug & Alcohol Action Team

Substance Misuse Volunteers Training Programme

Would you like to work in the drug and alcohol field?



The DAAT has developed a training and volunteering programme aimed at enhancing the local workforce, and increasing representation from Hackney's diverse communities in local drug and alcohol services. We particularly welcome applications from members of Black and minority ethnic communities.

If you are interested in being involved in the programme please send us your CV by 14th December 2007 and a brief letter stating why you are interested in this training opportunity.

The training programme is open to those aged 18+, with a genuine interest in finding out more about working in the drug and alcohol field. You must be able to attend 1 day per week for a minimum of 12 weeks. Priority will be given to Hackney residents.

If you need further information please contact:
Marilyn McKenzie on 020 8356 3564
or Betul Baris on 020 8356 2159
Hackney Drug & Alcohol Action Team
2nd Floor, Maurice Bishop House
Reading Lane, London E8 1HH

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Healthly Lifestyles Scheme

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Are you worried about your child's weight? Are they getting enough exercise? Young people from 7-13 years of age and their families will need to book quickly to take advantage of a free programme set to make them happier and healthier.



The lifestyle programme has been organised by the Hackney Healthy Lifestyles Team and will run in centres across Hackney with a focus on exciting games, exercise, drama workshops and nutrition advice.

Call today to book your introductory meeting or for further information. New course starting in January 2008.

Please note places are limited.

For registration or further information contact the Hackney Healthy Lifestyles Team, Des Ryner 07956 375078 or Lisa Krockel 020 8356 7443. The Hackney Healthy Lifestyles Scheme is a partnership project between Hackney Council and Hackney Teaching Primary Care Trust.

Lifestyles

City and Hackney NHS Primary Care Trust

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Room for one more?

Do you have more time and space now the kids are growing up?

We need fun, friendly and reliable people to look after disabled children and give their families a much-needed break. You could make a real difference as a short break carer.

All you need is a little space, a little time and a big desire to make a genuine difference.

We offer full training and support and a paid allowance that does not affect benefits.

For more details and an informal chat call Chris or Elizabeth at Hackney Family Backup on 020 7275 0088, email Christine@hfbu.org.uk or look at our website at www.hfbu.org.uk

Sessional play workers also needed £9.30 per hr

For our monthly Family Club. Play work experience is essential and experience of working with disabled children or those with challenging behaviour is desirable.

For an application pack contact Hackney Family Backup on: 020 7275 0088 or see www.hfbu.org.uk

Hackney Family Backup works to improve the lives of disabled children and their families.

We are a well established charity known for providing quality short break care and family support. We are registered as an Independent Fostering Agency.

Hackney Family Backup
The Print House, 18 Ashwin Street, London E8 3DL

Charity No: 1017015

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Phone the Hackney maternity helpline...

Working together for healthy babies in Hackney.

Open every day 10am - 6pm

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TOP SCORES

This page was compiled with the help of Homerton Hospital, City & Hackney Primary Care Trust, and the East London & The City University Mental Health NHS Trust

Bigger brighter better



By **Lara Gorman**

Healthcare in Hackney is improving, thanks to recent major investment in the services you receive from your GP.

The programme is called Bigger, Brighter, Better and comes from the City and Hackney PCT (CHPCT).

It aims to bring health services closer to residents' homes and make them more convenient and accessible.

This means GPs' surgeries are offering a whole range of more specialist services, as well as dealing with everyday health queries.



These will vary between surgeries, but could include pre and post natal care, sexual health advice and contraceptives, flu injections, physiotherapy, advice and treatment for long term conditions, and immunisations.

You can also take a health MOT by getting your blood pressure and cholesterol checked.

There are 45 surgeries across the CHPCT area and their normal hours are 8am to 6.30 pm, Monday to Friday.

Now 14 surgeries (listed below) have extended opening hours including evenings, and in some cases Saturdays:

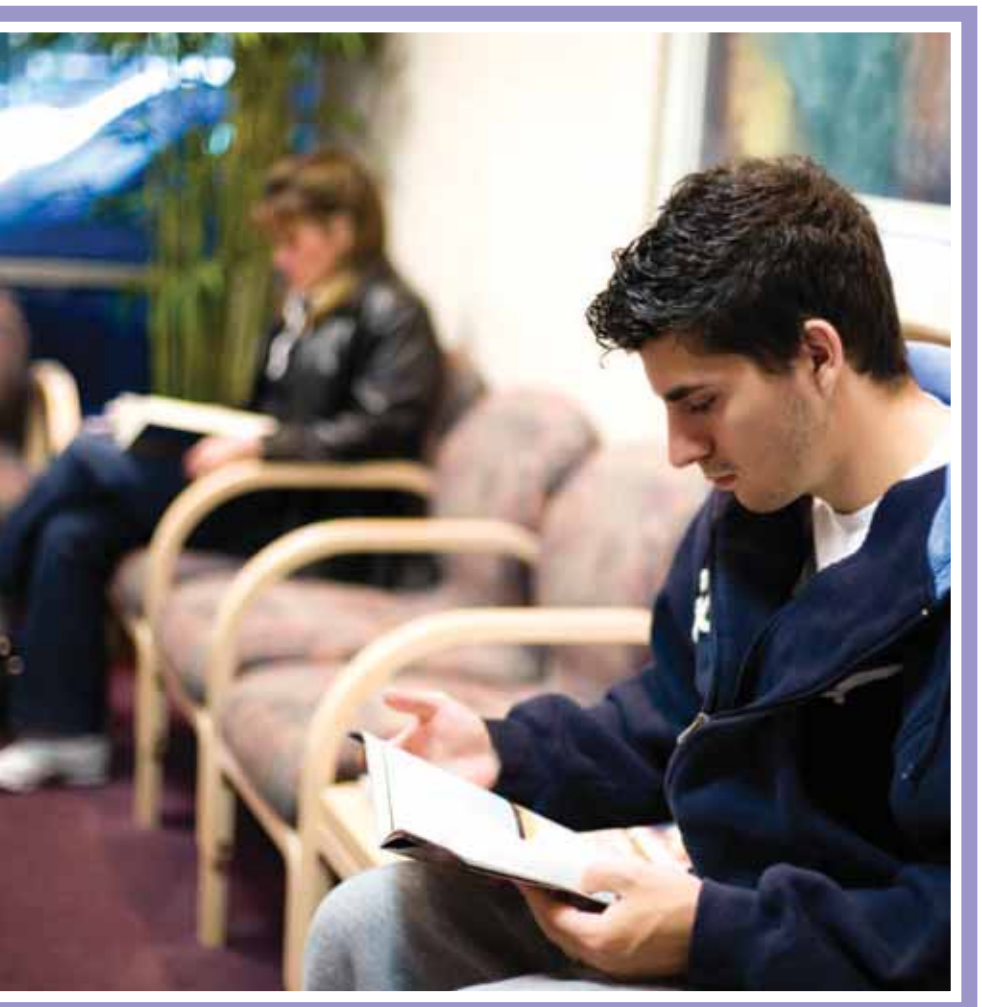
- Barretts Grove Surgery, N16
- Brooke Road Surgery, N16
- De Beauvoir Surgery, N1
- Heron Practice, N4
- Latimer Health Centre, E9
- Lawson Practice, N1
- Lea Surgery, E9
- London Fields Medical Centre, E8
- Neaman Practice, EC1
- Richmond Road Medical Centre, E8
- Sandringham Practice, E8
- Trowbridge Surgery, E9
- Upper Clapton Road Medical Practice, E5
- Well Street Surgery, E9
- Dalston Practice, E8

Telephone your local surgery to find out details of their hours.

People not registered with a GP or who want to change their surgery should call Find-a-doc on: **020 7683 4645.**

MORE INFO

The NHS is 24 hour service and if you need a GP outside of normal hours you can call CAMIDOC on: **020 7530 5445**



Hackney GP surgeries can now offer patients a whole range of new services

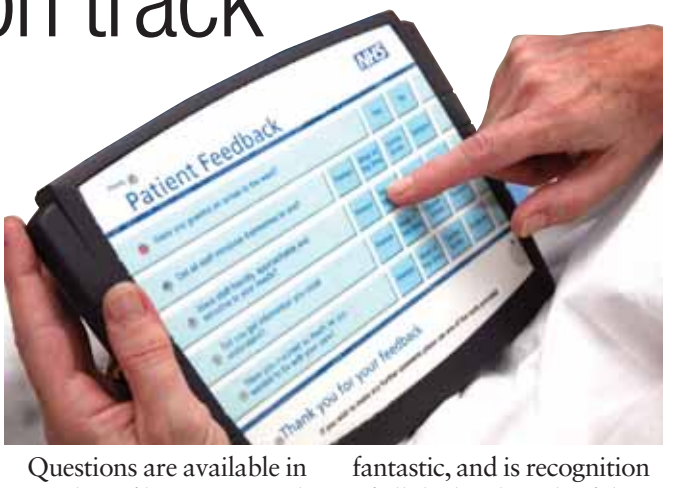
Keeping on track

By **James Willsher**

A HIGH-TECH machine that allows patients to rate the care they are receiving has won Homerton Hospital a prestigious award.

The Patient Experience Tracker has netted the hospital a BT e-Health Insider Awards gong, in the 'excellence in healthcare information management' category.

The tracker has been used in different parts of the hospital since January this year, by more than 4,000 patients in its first six months alone.



Questions are available in a number of languages, and cover topics such as privacy, dignity and staff attitude.

Results are displayed in each ward or department where the survey takes place, along with improvement plans.

Jennie Negus, Homerton's deputy director of nursing, said: "Winning the award is fantastic, and is recognition of all the hard work of the staff involved.

"It is the teams and services who have made the real difference, they are the ones who have run the tracker on a day-to-day basis and shown their commitment to improving Homerton's patients' experience."

First chance to get new quit drug

By **Emma Britton**

THE first place in the UK to get the go ahead for a new drug to help smokers quit is Hackney.

Champix was introduced to the borough's pharmacists at a training sessions this month.

Clinical trials, carried out by Pfizer, showed that it was more effective than other drugs on the market, with 44 per cent of smokers quitting by the end of the 12 week course.

Amit Shah, from Bee's Pharmacy, said: "We are very pleased to be the first place, as there is a higher prevalence of smoking in Hackney than in many parts of the country.

"I look forward to being able to prescribe Champix and hopefully seeing increased success rates."

The PCT provides a Stop Smoking Service called Ready, Steady, Quit, which offers a range of free services.

To find out where your local stop smoking advisor or specialist clinic is call Freephone: **0800 169 1943.**

Turkish/Kurdish speakers can contact Yashar on: **020 7249 6980.**



Is your home TOO BIG?

THE UNDEROCCUPATION CASH INCENTIVE SCHEME



For friendly and helpful advice about your options including possibilities of moving out of the borough, contact:

The Mobility Team, Christopher Addison House,
72 Wilton Way, London E8 1BJ

Phone: 0208 356 5752/5765/5769/2977/2978

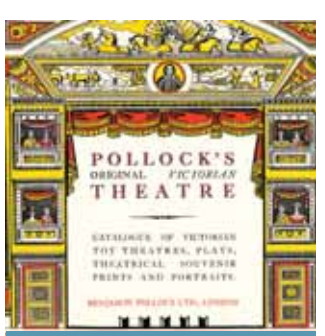
Money to Help You Move

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All the world's a stage

By **Sally England**

Toy theatres were popular entertainment for the Victorians. Young and old cut out characters and scenery from printed sheets of paper, then stuck them together for performances at home.



The cover of one of Pollock's shop catalogues

The history of toy theatres is closely linked to Hoxton – home to the most famous shop – Pollock's.

It started life selling prints of stage stars at 208 Hoxton Old Town (later 73 Hoxton Street).

The proprietor's daughter Eliza Redington married Benjamin Pollock in their teens and when the couple inherited the shop in 1872 they branched out into toy theatres.

Benjamin changed the printing process from expensive engraved copper plates to more economical lithographic stones and throughout the 60 years he ran the business, never let anyone else undertake the skilled preparation of the stones.

The business struggled in competition with a Mr Webb, just half a mile away, although the two businessmen never spoke.

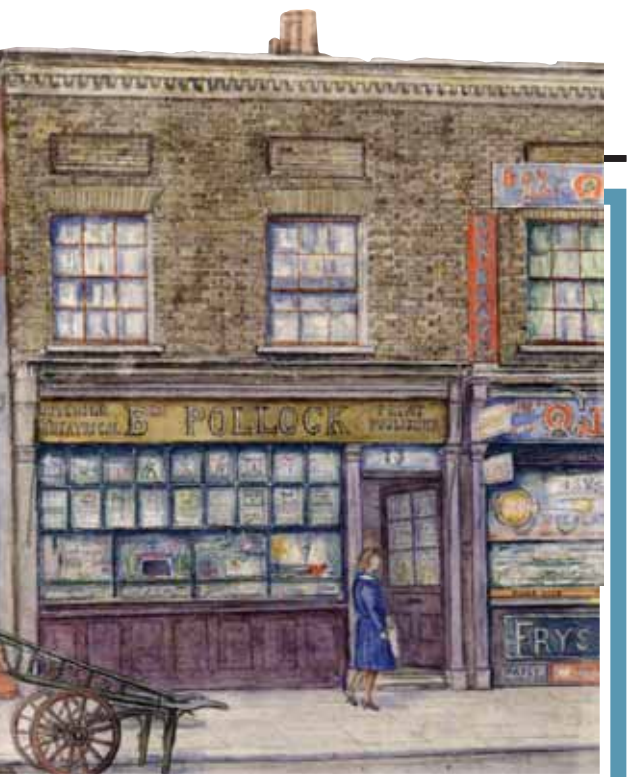
One day however, Webb quarrelled with a customer who had come all the way from Scotland. He was celebrated novelist Robert Louis Stevenson, who later wrote about his trip to London in an essay, which ignored Webb's completely and made Pollock's famous.

Louise and Selena Pollock took over the business after their parents' deaths, but were unable to manage the heavy lithographic printing stones, so could only sell old stock.

Gradually the sheets ran out and the sisters sold their remaining stock in 1944 to a bookseller, just before a flying bomb damaged the old shop beyond repair.

The bookseller went bust soon after and the stock lay in a warehouse until 1955, when it was bought by Marguerite Fawdry, who ran a version of Pollock's from her Kensington drawing room. Gradually this became a museum, which was until recently based in Goodge Street, in the West End.

Its collection is currently in storage whilst new premises are sought.



Watercolour by Charles Ivanhoe of Pollock's shop in Hoxton, 1937 (Ref no: WP03825)

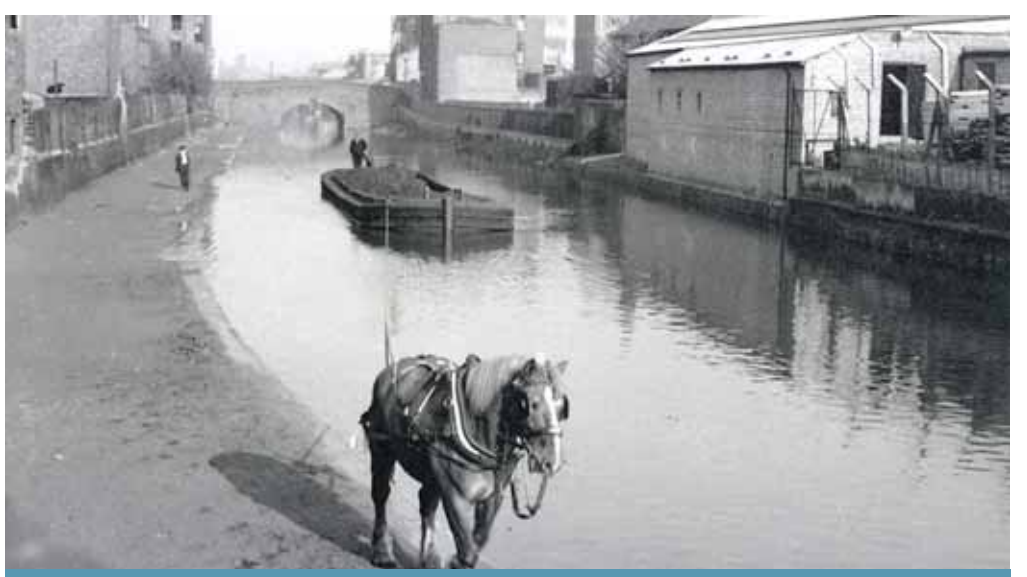
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Last Hackney tram ride with Mayor of Stoke Newington, Cllr Robertson,1952 (Courtesy of his daughter Frances Broadway)



Regents Canal, looking east towards Whitmore Bridge, 1950 (© Hackney Archives)

Getting out and about

By **Karyn Michael**



Hackney is the focus for a major new exhibition, which celebrates the history of London transport through the ages.

Out And About In Hackney explores how people used to travel across the borough in the past and looks at ways local transport will change in the future.

The exhibition features photographs, maps, text, artifacts and film footage which chart how people have used the canal, river, tram, horse, bus, train and car to travel the capital.

It also focuses on the development of the London Overground network, which will see both the North and East London lines upgraded and extended to ultimately form an orbital rail link around the capital.

Visitors will be able to view images of new stations planned for Hoxton, Haggerston, Dalston and Shoreditch as part of the East London Line (ELL) extension and give their opinions on how they think a rebuilt Hackney Central station should look.

This work is part of a £1.4billion investment programme by TfL, which will also create Hackney's first Tube-style link via the extension of the ELL.

The exhibition at Hackney Museum was developed in collaboration with the London Transport Museum.

It opens with a launch event on 22 November, from 6-8pm, featuring guest speakers talking about London's transport history and future developments for Hackney.

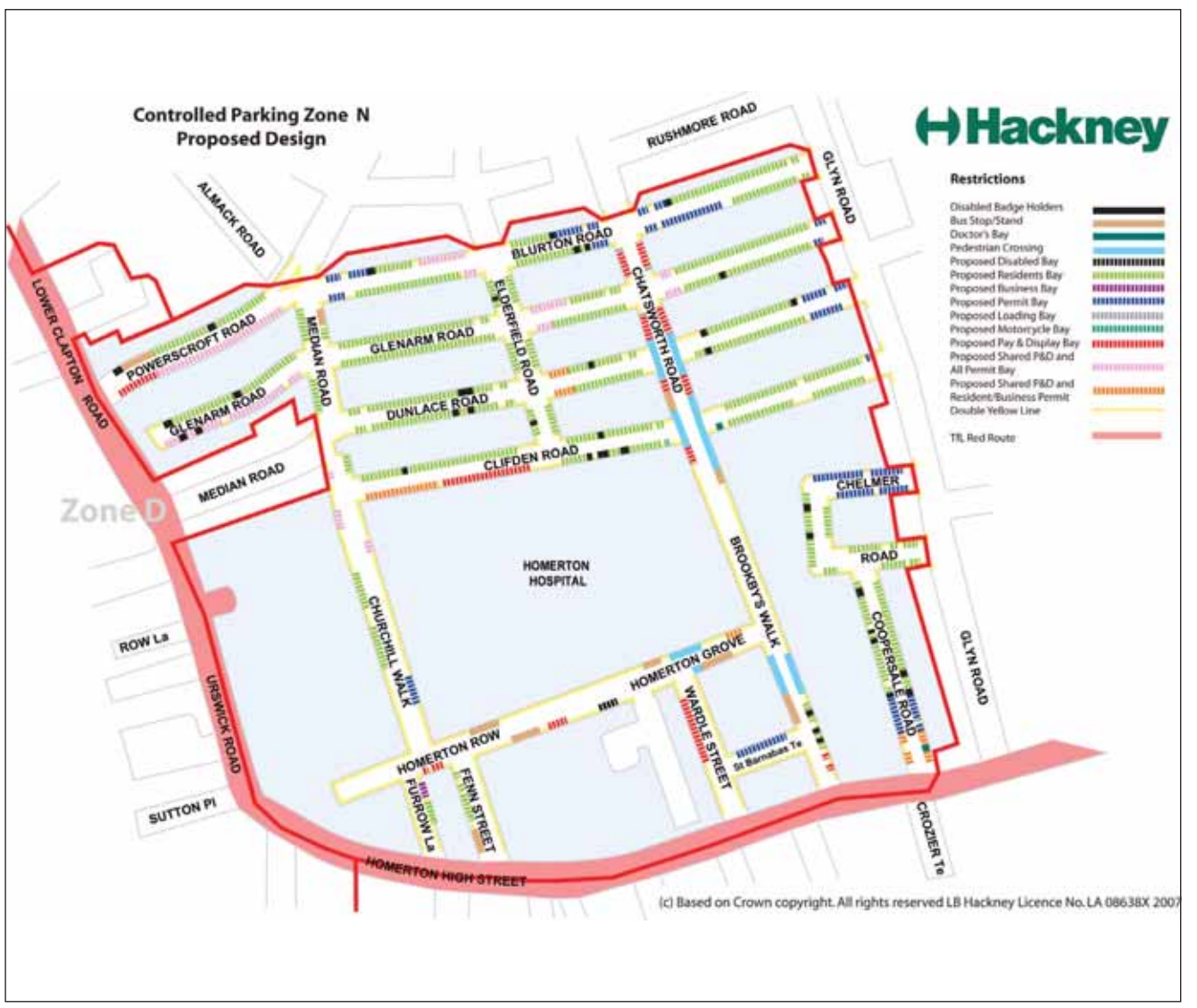
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For more info: Hackney Museum, 1 Reading Lane, E8. Tel: **020 8356 3500**. E-mail: **hmuseum@hackney.gov.uk**



Tram on route 77, 1939 (© Hackney Archives)

Reminder of Consultation on the Design of Controlled Parking Zone (N): Homerton and Lower Clapton



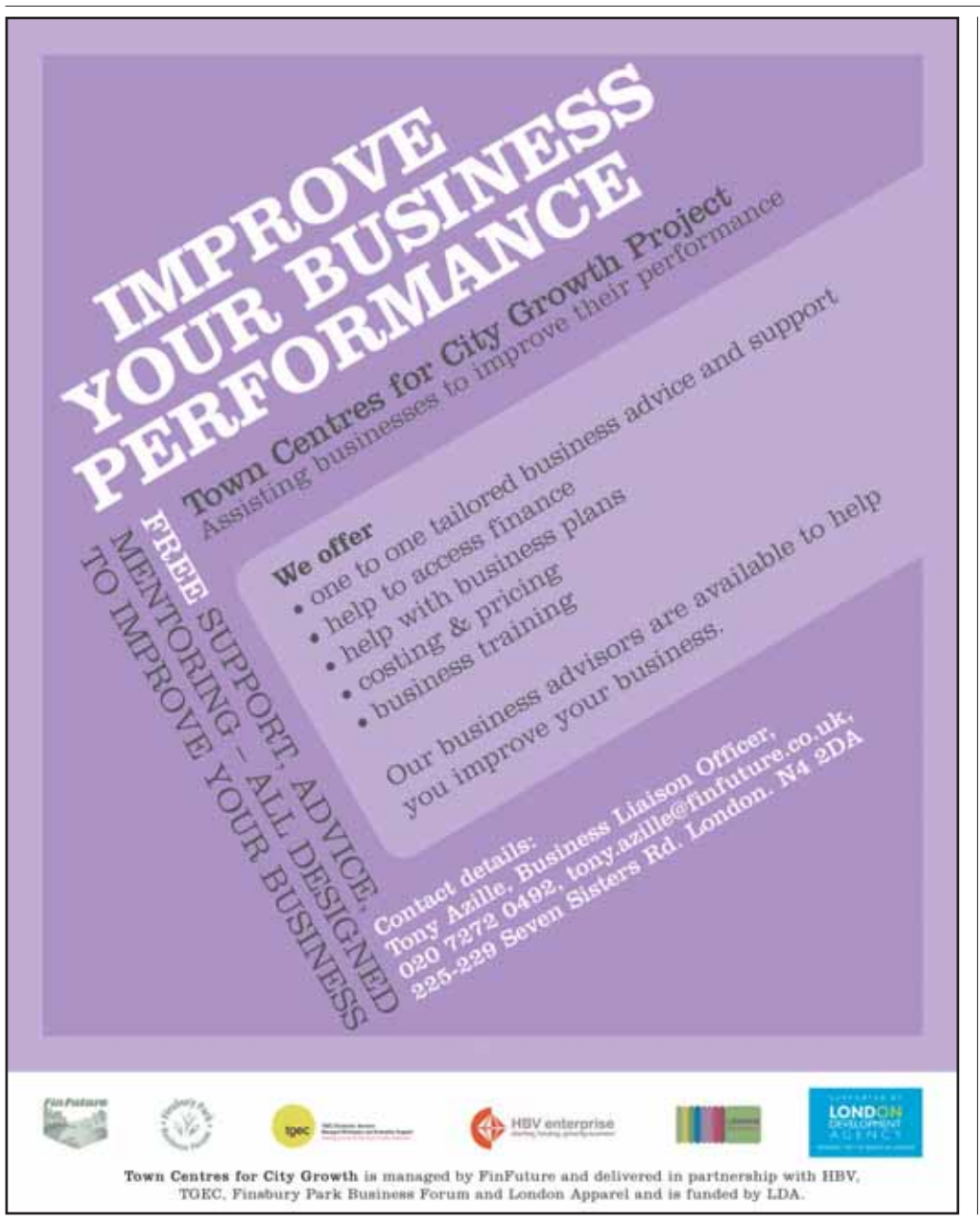
Parking Services are currently conducting a public consultation on the design of the new Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) N, which will be introduced in the Homerton and Lower Clapton area.

If you live or operate a business within the affected area you should have by now received a consultation pack. If you have not received a pack please call **020 8356 8877** to be sent a copy. For more information and a downloadable copy of the consultation leaflet please refer to our website: **www.hackney.gov.uk/parking**

Due to delays encountered with delivery of consultation leaflets as a result of the Royal Mail strikes, we have also extended the consultation period. The consultation will now close on **Friday 28 December 2007**.

Please remember to return your questionnaire by **Friday 28 December 2007**

You can also have your say by:
Email: consultparking@hackney.gov.uk
Phone: 020 8356 8877



Councillor election in Springfield Ward – your questions answered

A by-election is taking place on December 20 for one councillor in Springfield Ward, following the resignation of Cllr Eric Ollerenshaw.

What is a by-election?
A by-election is a special election held to fill a political office that has become vacant between general or local elections.

Who can vote in this one?
Anyone who lives in Springfield Ward and is on the electoral register. If you're eligible to vote you'll receive a polling card a week before the election to notify you.

How do I know if I'm on the electoral register?
If you returned your voter registration form this autumn you are registered. If you didn't, there is still time to register. The deadline is 5 December. Call the elections office (below) for more information.

When is the election?
7am to 10pm on Thursday, 20th December.

How can I vote?
There are a few different ways that you can vote:
- In person on the day at a polling station between 7am and 10pm
- Via post (see below for more details)
- By proxy (call the elections office on the number below for more details).

Where do I vote?
If voting in person you will be told which polling station you should vote at when you receive your polling card.

How can I vote by post?
Voting by post is easy:
- Send an application for a postal ballot paper to the elections office. To receive an application form, call the number below or download a copy from www.hackney.gov.uk.
- Sign and send it to the address below and return it by **Wednesday 5th December at 5pm**
- You'll then receive your ballot paper at home.

In the recent electoral canvass I applied for postal voting. What does this mean?
If you have returned your voter registration form and applied for postal voting, you will be sent an application automatically.

Who can I contact for more information?
Contact Hackney Council Electoral Services on **020 8356 3233 / 3234**, or email **info@hackney.gov.uk.**

All applications should be send to Electoral Services, Room 60, Hackney Town Hall, London E8 1EA by Wednesday 5th December, 5pm.

There will also be election updates in future editions of Hackney Today and via the Council website.

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Under new management

An artist's impression of what the new carriages will look like on the new Overground network



By **Emma Britton**

The North London Line is now under new management as part of the London Overground network.

For the first time, passengers are able to use pay-as-you-go Oyster cards on the route formerly operated by Silverlink Metro, and stations are fully staffed while trains are running.

Transport for London (TfL) will carry out a range of major improvements to the service by 2011, including introducing new trains towards the end of 2008.

> **Huge investment will bring more secure stations, new trains and a more frequent and reliable service.**

The carriages will have room for more passengers, air-conditioning, CCTV, and improved accessibility with dedicated wheelchair bays.

Hackney Central station will be rebuilt by 2010, while Homerton, Dalston Kingsland and Hackney Wick will be refurbished.

The work is part of a £1.4billion investment programme, which will also give Hackney its first Tube-style link by 2010, via the extension of the East London Line, which will also become part of the Overground network.

Launching London Overground on 12 November, Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone said: "Over the next few years huge investment will bring more secure stations, new trains and a more frequent and reliable service.

"The new rail system will create 400 jobs over the next three years and, with its connection to the East London Line, radically improve public transport provision in some of the poorest boroughs in London."



LSCP staff and police present youngsters with their prize

Eyes on the prize

By **Gracia Douglas**

WILLIAM Patten Primary pupils won a £100 prize for their school by creating eye-catching road safety posters as part of a London-wide campaign.

Year six student Joby Barrett also received a £15 voucher for one of 12 winning designs to feature on a 2008 calendar. The competition, run by the London Safety Camera Partnership (LSCP) and local councils, attracted more than 650 entries.

Head Katherine Kyle, said: "The competition has reinforced the message that speed can kill."

Youngsters from Princess May and Our Lady & St Joseph in Hackney also had designs chosen for the calendar.

MORE INFO

To see the winning entries visit: **www.lscp.org.uk**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Views on new Homerton route?

LONDON Buses want residents' views on a new double-decker service planned for next summer.

The proposed 425 would run between Clapton and Stratford, via Homerton Hospital, Mile End and Bow Church.

The new route links the hospital and Mile End via Kenton and Lauriston roads.

Proposals also include some changes to the 276 and S2 routes, so have your say by picking up a consultation leaflet from Homerton library and submit your views by 14 December.

Lido station breaks records

PASSENGER numbers at London Fields train station have seen a meteoric rise this year.

A survey undertaken by the local Rail Users' Group at the 'one' West Anglia station found user numbers had doubled since the introduction of a new timetable two years ago.

In the morning rush hour, 366 Hackney residents used the station, compared with just 141 two years ago, and a mere 32 when counts began 12 years ago.

Plus 259 workers helped ease congestion on local roads by commuting into Hackney by train, compared to 121 in 2005 and just 65 12 years ago.



London boroughs Freedom Pass extension

HOLDERS of a Freedom Pass can now use it on the new London Overground Network.

The Freedom Pass scheme for older and disabled Londoners, paid for by the capital's 33 boroughs, is the most comprehensive concessionary fares scheme in the country.

Extending it to the Overground means extra benefits for disabled pass holders, including 24-hour, free travel on the new network, trams, buses, DLR and tube.

While those aged 60 or over can travel free on the network, tube, buses, DLR and trams from 9am, and from 9.30am on national rail services.





Adapted Housing Transfer Scheme

Has your home been adapted or is it wheelchair accessible?

Do you still need it?











We have 300 families in Hackney who need accessible housing

We can offer you:

- A choice of properties
- Help with moving costs and decorating

You could get a high priority move if:

- You are a council tenant living in an adapted property which can be re-used and you are willing to move out of it
- You are a housing association tenant and your landlord agrees

If you can help us please contact the Special Needs Housing team on **020 8356 5716/5826**

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Recipes straight from the ovens at Hoxton Apprentice

www.hoxtonapprentice.com





THIS is the second of regular recipes courtesy of the Hoxton Apprentice restaurant. Each issue will feature a favourite chosen by an apprentice, then prepared and presented by Head Chef, Torren Lewis.

This week it's a delicous dessert, picked by the Hoxton Apprentice of the Year, Suleyman (pictured above). He is now employed at Raymond Blanc's Diamond Suite in the Emirates Stadium.

Honey roasted pear pancakes with almond mascarpone

Serves 4 – 6

Ingredients

- 120g or 40oz plain flour
- 1 egg beaten
- 300ml or ½ pint of milk
- 1 tablespoon of olive oil
- 30g toasted flaked almonds
- 2-3 pears peeled cored and cut in quarters
- 3 table spoons of honey plus extra for garnish

Preparation time
less than 40 mins

Cooking time
30 to 45 mins

Method

- Put flour in a mixing bowl, make a well in the centre, add the egg and slowly add half the milk, whisk well until mix is smooth, then add rest of milk and oil, whisk well, pass the mixture and chill.
- Place the pear quarters on a baking tray, drizzle honey evenly over them, then bake in a pre-heated oven on gas mark 6 for 10-15 mins, or until the pears start to caramelise. When ready remove from oven and leave to cool to just above room temp.
- Using a non-stick frying pan, heat a little butter and cover the base of the pan with the pancake mix (stirring before you pour) cook on a medium heat for 2-3 mins turning occasionally.
- When pancakes are ready, place on a plate, line some of the pear mix down the centre of the pancake and roll. Garnish with a nice scoop of mascarpone, sprinkle almonds over the pancake and mascarpone, drizzle with honey.

The Hoxton Apprentice is a social enterprise set up to train unemployed Hackney people – both in the kitchen and front of house.
Six month apprenticeships prepare people for the workplace and give the chance to gain an NVQ in hospitality.
Profits are returned to Training For Life, the charity which operates the restaurant, to deliver more training for unemployed people.

If you would like to offer an apprentice a job, or become an apprentice, call Patrick Lyster-Todd on: 020 7749 2805.
For more info, visit:
www.hoxtonapprentice.com

HOXTON apprentice

Piece of your mind



The heart of Clapton Pond

I'D like to thank the nice people who have recently refurbished Clapton Pond – two words that have for so long graced the front of the 38 bus, but not until recently, accurately described the stagnant concrete hole in the middle of an otherwise vibrant community.
With the addition of a fountain and new park furniture, a greater number and mix of people are now using the green space to meet or just hang out.
Clapton Pond is becoming the thread that weaves together the public life of the area, worthy of the rich mix of local shops and services that surround it.Hoxton is over and you can give Stoke Newington to Islington – Lower Clapton has always been the real Hackney and now it's even better.

James, from Clapton, E5.

MORE INFO

Send your letters to **The Editor, Hackney Today, 2 Hillman St, E8 1FB,** or e-mail: **htnews@hackney.gov.uk**

Hot or not?

By Gabriel Harriss
We want to know what you think of your new look Hackney Today. And we'd also like residents to join a readers' group that will influence the way we develop the paper further.
To take part in our survey, visit: **www.consultationfinder.com/hackney** and click on 'Your views on Hackney Today'. Take part and get a free I Love Hackney badge plus the chance to win a host of other goodies.

Clissold Park

PROPOSALS are afoot to improve access to Clissold Park. Making walking in the borough easier is a top priority for the Council, which is why we want your thoughts on the scheme.
Plans include creating a raised zebra crossing on Stoke Newington Church Street near the junction with the Park; inserting a raised table at the junction of Queen Elizabeth Walk and Grazebrook Road; and widening the pavement on Stoke Newington Church Street.
To view the proposals in detail and make your thoughts known, visit: **www.consultationfinder.com/hackney** and search for 'Clissold Park pedestrian access improvements'. For more information contact Polycarp Tengwana on: **020 8356 8986,** or e-mail: **polycarp.tengwana@hackney.gov.uk**

Gillett Sq drink ban

THANK you to everyone who shared their views on plans to ban alcohol in Gillett Square.
We got 116 responses, with a big 104 majority in favour of the scheme and just 12 against. Many said alcohol-related anti-social behaviour was a major problem and that it was getting worse.
A report will be going to the Council Cabinet on 17 December, which calls for the creation of an order banning alcohol consumption in the area. Watch this space for further developments.

Sudoku

For solutions see: www.hackney.gov.uk/hackneytoday

Easy

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Hackney is a fast improving Council, serving one of the UK's most diverse populations. Regeneration is improving housing, public services and transport links. Crime is falling. Exam results are up. The Olympics are coming ...



Job Profile
Norman Harding

Corporate Fleet Manager, talks to Hackney Today about the Fleet Technical Manager role.



What are the main responsibilities of the job?
The Fleet Technical Manager will provide technical support for the Council's 400 plus specialist vehicles.
This involves sorting out any issues and delays in maintenance, negotiating the cost of repairs with contractors and accident repair agents, and managing a team of staff based at the Council's own workshops.
The role will also involve drafting technical specifications for new and replacement vehicles and will understanding environmental implications involved.

What skills does the post holder need?
The role requires a mix of technical and managerial skills. The post holder needs to have a 'hands on' technical background with demonstrable experience and a City and Guilds qualification or equivalent in motor engineering. A management qualification would also be desirable.
It is also a customer-facing role that requires the post holder to spend a lot of time at different sites to advise on various end user fleet issues, so versatility and flexibility is a benefit.

Job vacancies

Customer and Corporate Services

Secretarial Assistant (x2)
£24,588-£26,025
Ref: CCS137/50461/HW
Closing date: 21 November 07
You should be experienced secretaries, with excellent processing skills. You should have worked in a legal or similarly demanding environment.

Senior Secretarial Assistant / PA to head of Legal Services
£29,241-£30,774

WHY HACKNEY?
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Ref: CCS139/50463/HW
Closing date: 21 November 07
You will manage secretarial staff as well as acting as PA. You should have a qualification in secretarial or business studies.

Administrative Officer – Deeds and Systems
£24,588-£26,025
Ref: CCS138/50462/HW
Closing date: 28 November 07
You will take responsibility for the Council's deeds, contracts, other records, archiving and case management system. Experience of work in a legal practice would be an advantage.

Head of Organisational Development and Employee Development
£46,737-£49,509
Ref: CCS135/50457/HW
Closing date: 3 December 07
You'll formulate a strategy based on best practice to deliver a sustainable service across the Council. You'll need experience in the field, a clear vision of the future and how to get there.

Health and Safety Advisor (x2)
£33,777-£36,474
1 year fixed term
Ref: CCS133/50455/HW
Closing date: 3 December 07
You will advise and work on the Corporate Health and Safety Strategy. You will need a NEBOSH certificate (or equivalent), and experience of negotiating and advising senior management would be an advantage.

Community Services

Park and Leisure Services Supervisor (Tree Unit)
£24,588-£26,025
Ref: COS235/50469/HW
Closing date: 30 November 07
There are over 330 hectares of green space in Hackney. You will lead the Tree Unit and will be experienced in all aspects of manual and arboricultural works, be able to lead by example and supervise staff. Knowledge of Health and Safety requirements and an understanding of British Standards and good practice is a must.

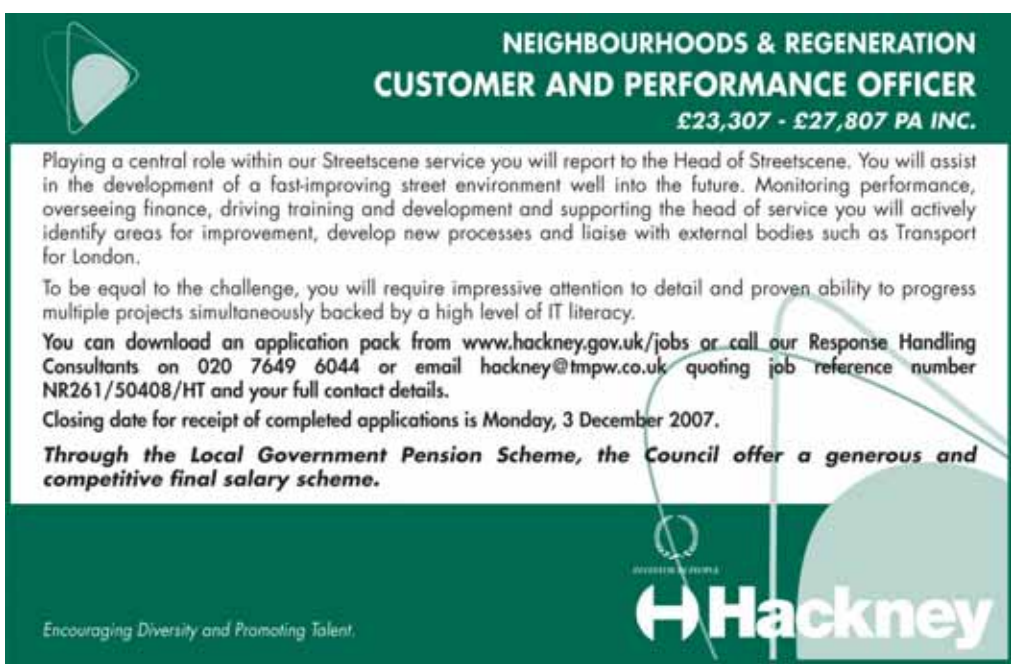
Neighbourhoods and Regeneration

Fleet Technical Manager
£39,030-£41,583 + benefits
Ref: NR263/50460/HW
Closing date: 3 December 07
You'll provide support to the Fleet Management Unit. This involves procuring best value agreements and supervising a maintenance team. A City and Guilds qualification in Commercial Vehicles is essential.

Transport Manager
£31,350-£33,777 + benefits
Ref: NR262/50459/HW
Closing date: 3 December 07
You'll ensure effective and efficient fleet management, and make certain that we comply with our operator's licence. You'll need transport management experience and a CPC Freight Operations qualification.

Customer and Performance Officer
£23,307 - £27,807
Ref: NR261/50408/HW
Closing date: 3 December 07
You'll report to the Head of Streetscene. You will assist the development of a fast improving street environment by monitoring performance, overseeing finance, driving training and development, and liaising with external organisations.

MORE INFO
Use the relevant reference number when visiting :
www.hackney.gov.uk/jobs



Homework Support Officers

£19,236 - £21,084 pa (pro rata) • 9 hpw
Fixed-term contract from January 2008 until 19 December 2008
Homerton Library, Hackney

We are looking to appoint two individuals to assist Hackney Libraries run a homework club for children and young people aged 9-13 years at Homerton Library.

You will have experience of working with children and young people, ideally gained from working in a school or similar environment. You will support children and young people in producing high-level quality homework and assignments. You will possess excellent ICT and information retrieval skills, together with a thorough knowledge of the requirements for the National Curriculum. You will have a flexible approach and will need to work late afternoons.

Appointment will be subject to satisfactory pre-employment checks including the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Disclosure check.

For more information and to request an application pack, please contact Dawn Hendrickson on 020 8356 5237 or email dawn.hendrickson@hackney.gov.uk

Closing date: Monday, 26 November 2007.
Interviews: Wednesday, 5 December 2007.

Building Equality and Diversity

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Hackney

Sanctuary Housing

This role is funded by Sanctuary Housing as part of their Heart of Hackney initiative

The Mayor & Councillors

Councillors are elected by Hackney residents and serve for four years.

The last borough elections were in May 2006.

Councillors have a range of responsibilites, including helping to oversee the Council and its services.

They all hold advice surgeries where you can meet your local representative and ask them to take up issues that may be of concern.

Generally they can help with Council related matters, but if the issue is the responsibility of another person or organisation, they can often point you in the right direction and tell you who you need to see.

Hackney has 57 councillors representing areas called wards – illustrated in the map opposite.

Please note: some councillors do not hold surgeries during the August school holidays.

If you want to check which councillor covers your area call: 020 8356 3000
To find out more about your Council visit: www.hackney.gov.uk

Advice Surgery on Crime and Community Safety issues
Cllr Nkafu, 5-6pm, 1st Monday each month, Hackney Town Hall, Mare St, E8.
To book an appointment call: 020 8356 3211

Hackney's wards in alphabetical order

1. Brownswood
2. Cazenove
3. Chatham
4. Clissold
5. Dalston
6. De Beauvoir
7. Hackney Central
8. Hackney Downs
9. Haggerston
10. Hoxton
11. Kings Park
12. Leabridge
13. Lordship
14. New River
15. Queensbridge
16. Springfield
17. Stoke Newington Central
18. Victoria
19. Wick



North East Neighbourhood Committee
Shoreditch Neighbourhood Committee
Stoke Newington Forum
Homerton Forum

The Mayor



Jules Pipe

Hackney has an executive Mayor, Jules Pipe, who is not a councillor, but is directly elected by the entire borough.
The Mayor is the political leader of the Council, overseeing the budget and all Council services.
Civic and ceremonial duties are undertaken by the Speaker of the Council who is elected annually from the borough's 57 councillors. Faizullah Khan is the current Speaker.

1. BROWNSWOOD





Cllr Darren Parker
1st Friday each month, 9-10am, Robin Redmond Resource Centre, 440 Seven Sisters Rd, Woodberry Down Estate, N4.
Cllr Feryat Demirci
1st Saturday each month, 11am-12.30pm, Amwell Court Community Hall, Green Lanes, N4.
Cllr Brian Bell
3rd Wednesday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Kings Crescent Community Hall, off Green Lanes, N4.

2. CAZENOVE





Cllr Stauber, Cllr Sharer
Each Thursday, 10.30-11.30am, North London Muslim Community Centre, 68 Cazenove Rd, N16.
Cllr Dawood Akhoon
1st & 3rd Saturday each month, 10am-12.30pm, NLMCC, 68 Cazenove Rd, N16.
2nd & 4th Saturday of each month, 10am-12.30pm, Stamford Hill Community Hall, Stamford Hill Estate, N16.
Cllr Akhoon
Can visit housebound constituents. Call **020 8806 1147** on Saturday,10am-12.30pm, or Members' Services on: **020 8356 5000.**

3. CHATHAM





Cllrs Luke Akehurst, Sally Mulready & Guy Nicholson
2nd Friday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Hackney Town Hall, Mare St, E8.
3rd Friday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Jack Dunning Community Hall, Homerton Row, E9.
Last Friday each month, 7-8pm, Hackney Town Hall, Mare St, E8.

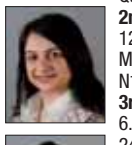
4. CLISSOLD





Cllr Linda Smith
1st Wednesday each month, 10-11am, Hawksley Court Community Hall, XX
Cllr Karen Alcock
2nd Friday each month, 6-7pm, Milton Gardens Community Hall, Milton Gardens Estate (disabled access).
3rd Monday each month, 5-6pm, Burma Court Community Hall, Burma Rd, N16. (Cllrs Alcock & Smith on rota basis).
Cllr Mischa Borris
3rd Friday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Frank Haley Community Room, Burma Court Estate, Burma Rd, N16.

5. DALSTON


Cllrs Sophie Linden, Nargis Khan & Angus Mulready-Jones
1st Friday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Community Hall, Kirkland Walk, Rhodes Estate, Queensbridge Rd, E8.
2nd Saturday each month, 12noon-1pm, Community Hall, Millard Close, Shellgrove Estate, N16.
3rd Friday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, CLR James Library, 24-30 Dalston Lane, E8.

6. DE BEAUVOIR





Cllrs Robert Chapman, Gulay Icoz & Christopher McShane
2nd Saturday each month, 11am-12noon, Coleville Community Hall, 35 Branch St, N1.
3rd Saturday each month, ward walkabout surgery in the afternoon.

You can e-mail these councillors at: **debeauvoir@hackney-labour.org.uk**, or leave them a message with Member Services on: **020 8356 3207/3350**.

7. HACKNEY CENTRAL





Cllrs Samantha Lloyd, Alan Laing & Vincent Stops
(on a rota basis)
1st Saturday each month, 10am-11am, Pembury Senior Citizens Club, Hindrey Rd, Pembury Estate, E8.
2nd Saturday each month, 11am-12noon, Wilton Wilton Community Hall, Greenwood Rd, E8.
4th Saturday each month, 11am-12noon, Mountford Community Hall, Cecilia Rd, E8.
Cllr Laing is also available at the Town Hall. To book an appointment call: **020 8356 3350/3207**.

8. HACKNEY DOWNS





Cllr Faizullah Khan
1st Saturday each month, 11am-12noon, Gooch House, Kenninghall Rd, E5.
Cllr Michael Desmond
1st Sunday each month, 11am-12noon, Nightingale Estate Office, 7 Olympus Sq, E5. Cllr Desmond is also available at the Town Hall, call: **020 8356 3373.**
Cllr Sem Moema
2nd Sunday each month, 11am-12noon, Landfield Community Hall, Landfield Estate, Stellman Close, E5.
Last Sunday each month, 11am-12noon, Nightingale Estate Office, E5.

9. HAGGERSTON





Cllrs Afolasade Bright, Barry Buitekant & Jonathan McShane
1st Monday each month, 7-8pm, Shoreditch Town Hall, 380 Old St, EC1.
1st Thursday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Haggerston Community Centre, Haggerston Rd, E8.
2nd Thursday each month, 7-8pm, Fellows Court Community Hall, Weymouth Terrace, E2.
3rd Thursday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Goldsmith's Community Hall, Goldsmith's Sq, E2.
4th Saturday each month, 11am-12noon, VLC Centre, Whiston Rd, E2.

10. HOXTON





Cllr Clayeon McKenzie
2nd Tuesday each month, 6-7pm, The Bell Club, Bowling Green Walk, Pitfield St, N1.
Cllr Carole Williams
2nd Monday each month, 5.30-6.30pm, 16a Malcolm House, Arden Estate, N1.
Cllr Philip Glanville
3rd Wednesday each month, 6-7pm, Provost Community Hall, Murray Grove, N1.
3rd Saturday of every month, 11am-12noon, The Bell Club, Bowling Green Walk, Pitfield St, N1.
Cllr Glanville can also be contacted on: **07967 116537.**

11. KINGS PARK





Cllr Sharon Patrick
1st Friday each month, 6.30-7.30pm, Community Flat, 5 Oswald's Mead, Sherry's Wharf, E9 (disabled access).
Can visit disabled or housebound constituents, to book an appointment call: **020 8356 3373**.
Cllr Saleem Siddiqui
1st & 3rd Friday each month, 7-8pm, Vi Forrester Hall (behind the housing office), Gilpin Rd, E5.
Cllr Julius Nkafu
3rd Saturday each month, 12noon-1pm, Kingsmead Tenants Hall, Templemed House, Homerton Rd, E9.

12. LEABRIDGE





Cllrs Linda Kelly, Deniz Oguzkanli & Cllr Ian Rathbone
1st Sunday each month, 11am-12noon, Tenants Association Hall, Beecholme Estate, Prout Rd, E5.
2nd Saturday each month, 1-2pm, Wayside Community Centre, 24 Chatsworth Rd, E5. (reduced mobility access).
4th Saturday each month, 2-3pm, the Community Flat, 10 Detmold Rd, Jack Watts Estate, E5 (except August).

13. LORDSHIP




Cllrs Bernard Aussenberg, Simon Tesler and Mathew Coggins
1st Sunday each month, 11.30am-12.30pm, Peter Collins Memorial Hall, Holmleigh Rd Estate
3rd Sunday every month, 2-3pm, Lordship Ward Councillors Coggins, Aussenberg & Tesler, surgeries will be held at Stoke Newington Library, Church Street N16

Call: **07794 419301** (Cllr Coggins)

14. NEW RIVER

Cllr Maureen Middleton, Cllr Harvey Odze & Cllr Simche Steinberger
1st Sunday each month, 11.30am-12.30pm, Seven Blocks TA Flat, 1 Wyersdale House, Woodberry Down Estate, N4.
2nd Monday each month, (Cllr Steinberger) 4-5pm, Stamford Hill Library, Portland Ave, N16.
4th Sunday each month, 11.30am-12.30pm, Ben Simons Hall, 1-66 Lincoln Court, Bethune Rd, N16. Out of hours with Cllr Middleton outside these times, call: **07930 575 912**. For Cllr Odze call: **07790 902 513** (Mon-Thur).

15. QUEENSBRIDGE

Cllrs Thomas Price, Emma Plouviez & Cllr Patrick Vernon
(on a rota basis)
1st Saturday each month, 12noon-1pm, Queensbridge Leisure Centre, 30 Holly St, E8.
2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturday each month, 12noon-1pm, Pensioners Hall, Regents Estate, E8.

16. SPRINGFIELD

Jacob Landau & Shuja Shaikh
(on a rota basis)
1st and 3rd Sunday each month, 11.30am-12.30pm at Webb Estate Community Hall, Clapton Common, E5.

17. STOKE NEWINGTON CENTRAL

Cllrs Rita Krishna, Jamie Carswell & Muttalip Unluer
(on a rota basis)
1st, 2nd and 4th Saturday each month, 10-11am Yorkshire Grove Estate Community Hall, Gunstor Rd, N16 (except Bank Holiday weekends).
1st Thursday each month, 2-3pm, Halkevi Community Centre, 92-100 Stoke Newington Rd, N16.

18. VICTORIA

Cllr Daniel Kemp
1st Saturday each month, 10.30-11.30am, Pitcairn Hall (entrance in Mare St), Pitcairn House, Frampton Park Estate, E9 (disabled access).
Cllr Katie Hanson
2rd Wednesday each month, 7-8pm, New Kingshold Community Centre, on the Corner of Ainsworth Rd & Primrose Sq, E9 (disabled access).
Cllr Geoff Taylor
3nd Wednesday each month, 11am-12pm, Salvation Army Building, 70 Mare St, E8 (disabled access).

19. WICK

Cllrs Jessica Webb, Christine Boyd & Christopher Kennedy
(on a rota basis)
1st Sunday each month, 12noon-1pm, Wick OAP Hall, Trowbridge Estate, Eastway, E9.
3rd Sunday each month, 12noon-1pm, Granard House, Gascoyne Estate, E9.

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LICENSING

We **THE NEW VORTEX JAZZ CLUB** have applied to **HACKNEY COUNCIL** for a premises licence at the premises: **THE NEW VORTEX JAZZ CLUB 11 GILLENDON N16 8JH**

tt street Loin order that the following licensable activities can take place on or from the premises: Provision of regulated entertainment. Plays, live music, recorded music, making music and dancing till 2am Provision entertainment facilities, provision of late night refreshment and supply of alcohol.

Hackney Councils licensing register is kept at the office of the Licensing Service 263 Mare Street London E8 3HT

The office hours are Mon – Friday 9am – 5pm.

Any representations against the application must be made in writing and received by the Licensing Service at the above address by no later than the 30 November

07. Residents and businesses in the vicinity of the premises or bodies representing such residents or businesses may make representations. The grounds on which the representations may be made are restricted to the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. Representations cannot be made after the provisional statement has been issued. Copies of all representations will be sent to the applicant.It is an offence liable on conviction to a fine up to £5000 for an applicant to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application.

DATED:19.11.2007

We **SAWNEY ALEXANDER** and **WANYE LEWIN** have applied to Hackney Council to vary the premises licence at: **BAR A BAR 133-135 STOKE NEWINGTON ROAD N16 8BT** in order to make the following variation the licence:

Live music, recorded music, performances of dance, anything of a similar description to that falling within (e), (f) or (g). Making music, dancing, and entertainment of a similar description to that falling within (i) or (j). Provision of late night refreshment and supply of alcohol.

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DATED:19.11.2007

Notice is hereby given that I **ISMAIL USLU** have applied to the **LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY** for a premises licence in respect of the premises known as **GREEN WINE BAR 123 GREEN LANES LONDON N16 9DA** as follows:

1. Provision of Late Night Refreshment: From 23.00 to 00.00 on Thursday, From 23.00 to 01.00 Friday to Saturday.

2. Supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises

From 10.00 to 23.00 on Monday to Wednesday, From 10.00 to 00.00 on Thursday, From 10.00 to 01.00 on Friday and Saturday. From 11.00 to 23.00 on Sunday

Any person wishing to make representation in respect of the above activities may do so by writing to the Licensing Manager Licensing Service Dorothy Hodgkin House 12 Reading Lane London E8 1HJ by the 7 December 2007.

A copy of the application is kept by the Licensing Service Dorothy Hodgkin House 12 Reading Lane London E8 1HJ.The application can be viewed Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5pm except bank holidays.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for making a false statement is a Level 5 fine on the standard scale.

DATED:19.11.2007

We **JOANNA LEMONNIER** and **KATHERARINE TASKER** have applied to Hackney Council for a premises licence at the premises: **LEMON MONKEY LTD 188 STOKE NEWINGTON HIGH STREET LONDON N16 7JD** in order that the following licensable activities can take place on or from the premises: Supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises

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The office hours are Mon – Friday 9am – 5pm.

Any representations against the application must be made in writing and received by the Licensing Service at the above address by no later than the 4 December 07. Residents and businesses in the vicinity of the premises or bodies representing such residents or businesses may make representations. The grounds on which the representations may be made are restricted to the licensing objectives of the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. Representations cannot be made after the provisional statement has been issued. Copies of all representations will be sent to the applicant.It is an offence liable on conviction to a fine up to £5000 for an applicant to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application.

DATED:19.11.2007

Notice is hereby given that I **MISS AYDILEK OZDAS** have applied to the **LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY** to vary a premises licence in respect of the premises known as Efes **SUPERMARKET 8 PITFIELD STREET LONDON N1 6AH** for the following licensable activities:

Supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises Monday to Sunday from 07.00 until 02.00

Any person wishing to make representation in respect of the above activities may do so by writing to the Licensing Manager Licensing Service 263 Mare Street Hackney London E8 3HT by the 10 December 2007.

A copy of the application is kept by the Licensing Service 263 Mare Street Hackney London E8 3HT.

The application can be viewed Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5pm except bank holidays.

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application. The maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for making a false statement is a Level 5 fine on the standard scale.

DATED:19.11.2007

Notice is hereby given that I **BAYRAM GUMUS** have applied to the **LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY** to vary a premises licence in respect of the premises known as **GUMUS FOOD CENTRE 386 KINGSLAND ROAD LONDON E8 4AA** as follows:

Supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises Monday to Sunday from 00.00 until 00.00

Any person wishing to make representation in respect of the above activities may do so by writing to the Licensing Manager Licensing Service 263 Mare Street Hackney London E8 3HT by the 10 December 2007.

A copy of the application is kept by the Licensing Service 263 Mare Street Hackney London E8 3HT.

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DATED:19.11.2007

TRAFFIC

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 1999 ("EIA REGULATIONS")

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 1995 ("GPDO")

NOTICE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 8 OF THE GPDO OF THE SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT AND OF THE SUBMISSION OF FURTHER INFORMATION IN RELATION TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO REGULATION 19 OF THE EIA REGULATIONS

Following the submission of an application for development accompanied by an Environmental Impact Assessment on 29th August 2007 to the London Borough of Hackney acting as the local planning authority, amendments have been received to the aforesaid application relating to the Environmental Impact Assessment, as requested under Regulation 19 of the EIA Regulations.

Address of Proposed Development:

Millfields Depot, Millfields Road, London E5 0AR

Description of Development:

Redevelopment of the site to provide a waste transfer station for the handling and transfer of municipal waste and ancillary development including administrative, welfare and security buildings, storage facilities, vehicle storage, maintenance and refuelling facilities and related engineering and site works.

Application No: 2007/2196

Planning Officer: Gillian Nicks

You can see the application, any plans or other documents submitted at The Planning Register, Planning Service, 263 Mare Street, London, E8 3HT on weekdays between 9am and 5pm. Alternatively you can telephone the above officer on 020 8356 8146 or you can visit the planning website on www.hackney.gov.uk//planning to view the application.

Any persons who wish to make comments on the application should do so in writing to the Head of Planning at the address given above by not later than 21 days beginning with the date of this notice.

Sue Foster
Assistant Director
Regeneration and Planning

DATED:19.11.2007

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) SECTION 73 ACT 1990

Notice is hereby given that an application for appeal has been made to The Planning Inspectorate against the London Borough of Hackney's refusal of a Planning Application which affects a Listed Building.

Address of Proposed Development:

45 Clapton Terrace, Clapton Common, London E5 9AA

Description of Development: i) The installation of window frames in the dormer windows In the rear roof slope of the premises. ii) The application of a plastic surface to the front

roof slope of the premises, without planning permission.

Appeal No. APP/U5360/F/2007/2055531

Council Application No: 2005/0506/ENF

Appeals Planning Officer: Kim Shaw

The proposed development is within the Springfield Conservation Area and is considered to affect the listed building and the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

You can see the application, any plans or other documents submitted at The Planning Register, Planning Service, 263 Mare Street, London, E8 3HT on weekdays between 9am and 5pm.

Any persons who wish to make comments on the application should do so in writing to:

The Planning Inspectorate at 3/26 Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN or online at www.planningportakl.gov.uk using reference No. 2055531 by 27/11/2007. Please quote the above mentioned appeal reference numbers in all correspondence. You should send three copies of your letter. Your letter will be placed before the Inspector and a copy sent to both the Council and the Appellant. Any representations received after the deadline, will not normally be seen by the Inspector and they will be returned. If you wish for a copy of the Inspector's decision to be sent to you please specify in your letter.

Sue Foster

Assistant Director

Regeneration and Planning

DATED:19.11.2007

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 90C QUEENSBRIDGE: SPEED HUMPS TRO 281

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the London Borough of Hackney, in accordance with the Section 90C of the Highway Act 1980 and the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1996, proposes the provision of a speed hump into a section of Queenbridge Road as detailed in the attached schedule to this notice.

Plans of the proposed measures can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until 3rd December 2007, in the reception area, 263 Mare Street, Directorate of Public Realm, London Borough of Hackney, London, E8 3HT. Further information may be obtained by contacting Streetscene (Road Safety) on 020 8356 8247. Any objections to the above proposals should be sent by September 2007 to this address.

Dated this 19th day of November 2007.

Tom McCourt

Assistant Director (Public Realm)

(The officer appointed for this purpose)

SCHEDULE

Speed humps –

Road	Description
Queensbridge Rd	The centre line of the speed hump will be located on Albion Drive for a distance of approximately 15.7 metres from the southern kerbline of Queenbridge Road

DATED:19.11.2007

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 90C

HACKNEY FREE SCHOOL: RAISED SPEED TABLES AND SPEED HUMPS TRO 280

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the London Borough of Hackney, in accordance with the Section 90C of the Highway Act 1980 and the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1996, proposes the provision of raised speed tables into sections of Chalgrove Road (Trelawney Estate) as listed in schedule 1 and speed humps into sections of Paragon Road as detailed in Schedule 2 attached to this notice.

Plans of the proposed measures can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until 10th December 2007, in the reception area, 263 Mare Street, Directorate of Public Realm, London Borough of Hackney, London, E8 3HT. Or online at www.traffic.management.gov.uk. Further information may be obtained by contacting Traffic and Transportation on 020 8356 8986. Any objections to the above proposals should be sent by 26th November 2007 to this address.

DATED:19.11.2007

Tom McCourt

Assistant Director (Public Realm)

(The officer appointed for this purpose)

SCHEDULE 1 – RAISED TABLES

Raised Speed Table: with a build-out on Paragon Road .The raised speed tables will be constructed and maintained with a maximum height of 100 millimetres, varying length and varying width and on/off gradients of 1:15.

ROAD	DESCRIPTION
Chalgrove Road	Table 1. From the north-eastern kerbline of Chalgrove Road (Trelawney Estate – Entrance and junction with Paragon Road) is the start of the raised speed table
Chalgrove Road	Table 2. From the north-eastern kerbline of Chalgrove Road (Trelawney Estate – Entrance) eastwards for a distance 47.5 metres is the start of the raised speed table.

SCHEDULE 2 – SPEED HUMPS

Speed Humps: The centre line of the speed hump will be located on Paragon Road

Road	Description
Paragon Road	Hump 1. Between the boundary wall of numbers 70 and 72 Paragon Road
Paragon Road	Hump 2. Between the boundary wall of Hackney Free School and number 54 Paragon Road
Paragon Road	Hump 3. From the north-eastern kerbline of Valette Street, eastwards for a distance of 33.7 metres is the start of the hump

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 23

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

PROVISION OF A NEW ZEBRA CROSSING

The Council of the London Borough of Hackney hereby gives notice that it intends to install a zebra crossing on Haggerston Road, with supporting zig-zag markings: approx 5 metres on the south-east of the southern kerbline of Lee Street (existing kerbline). The raised tables will be constructed and maintained with a maximum height of 100 millimeters, varying length,

varying width and on/off gradients of 1:15

Any person wishing to make objections or representations relating to the proposals should send a statement in writing within 21 days of the date on which this notice is published to the Assistant Director (Planning and Transportation), in the reception area, 263 Mare Street, Directorate of Public Realm, London Borough of Hackney, London, E8 3HT. Further information may be obtained by contacting Streetscene (Road Safety) on 020 8356 8241.

DATED:19.11.2007

Tom McCourt

Assistant Director (Public Realm)

(The officer appointed for this purpose)

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY

THE HACKNEY (WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS)

(AMENDMENT NO. 21) ORDER 2007

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 16th November 2007 the Council of the London Borough of Hackney made the above-mentioned Order under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by the Local Government Act 1985.

2.The general effect of the Order will be to:

(a) introduce waiting restrictions operating at "any time" into certain sections of Howard Road.

3. Copies of the Orders, which come into force on 21st November 2007 and of other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order, can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive, until the expiration of a period of six weeks from the date on which the Orders was made, in the reception area, 263 Mare Street, London Borough of Hackney, London, E8 3HT. Or on line on www.hackney.gov.uk/roadclosures. Further information may be obtained by contacting Traffic and Transportation on 020 8356 8283.

4. Any objections or other representations about either of the proposed Order should be sent in writing to the Public Realm Directorate at the address specified in paragraph 3 above until the expiration of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

DATED:19.11.2007

Tom McCourt

Assistant Director (Public Realm)

(The officer appointed for this purpose)

PLANNING

EC1A

380 OLD STREET LONDON EC1V 9LT Variation of condition 3 attached to planning permission South/149/99/FP to allow hours of opening between 12 midday and 12 midnight on any day. 2007/1726 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

EC2A

PAVEMENT OPPOSITE NO.107 WORSHIP STREET LONDON EC2A Erection of a staff toilet for London Buses Personnel 2007/2503 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

E8

2 LAVENDER GROVE LONDON E8 3LU Erection of a single-storey ground floor rear extension and enlarge first floor rear addition; new sash windows and two velux windows on the rear roof slope. 2007/2557 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

80 DALSTON LANE, LONDON E8 Erection of a mansard style roof extension to create an additional floor. 2007/2750 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

122 DALSTON LANE LONDON E8 1NG Retention, conversion, extension and alteration (involving provision of a dormer roof extension) to provide a 3 bedroom dwelling house. Demolition of remaining buildings on site. Erection of a 3 storey courtyard development providing 1No. Retail Unit (Class A1) (49.4m2) fronting Dalston Lane and 7No. residential units (comprising 4x1 bed units, 1x2 bed unit, 1x3 bed unit and 1x4 bed unit) with balconies together with provision of 6No. bicycle stands and refuse storage facilities. 2007/2581 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

122 DALSTON LANE LONDON E8 1NG Demolition of buildings adjacent to southern and eastern boundaries and single storey building attached to 122 Dalston Lane at rear in association with full planning application for redevelopment (ref:2007/2581). 2007/2582 Conservation Area Consent

FLAT 5, UNITY HOUSE 96 DALSTON LANE LONDON E8 1NG Extension to existing dormer to allow additional window. 2007/2317 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

7 DERICOTE STREET, LONDON, HACKNEY, LONDON E8 4PG Retain existing roof covering and new proposed front entrance door and new copping stone. 2007/1315 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

16 DERICOTE STREET, HACKNEY, LONDON E8 4PG Retain existing roof covering. Proposed new front entrance door and new coping stone. 2007/1316 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

4 DERICOTE STREET, LONDON, HACKNEY, LONDON E8 4PG Remove and replace front entrance door. 2007/1319 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

5 DERICOTE STREET, LONDON, HACKNEY, LONDON E8 4PG Retain existing roof covering and new proposed front entrance door and new coping store. 2007/1320 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

13 DERICOTE STREET, HACKNEY, LONDON E8 4PG Retain existing roof covering and proposed new front entrance door and new coping stone. 2007/1321 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

21 DERICOTE STREET, LONDON, HACKNEY, LONDON E8 4PG Retain existing roof covering and proposed new front entrance door. 2007/1322 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

6 DERICOTE STREET, LONDON, HACKNEY, LONDON E8 4PG Retain existing roof covering and new proposed front entrance door. 2007/1323 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

4 CROSTON STREET, LONDON, HACKNEY, LONDON E8 4PQ Retain existing roof covering and proposed new front entrance door. 2007/1324 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

2 CROSTON STREET, LONDON, HACKNEY, LONDON E8 4PQ Retain existing roof covering and proposed new front entrance door. 2007/1325 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

42 LANSDOWNE DRIVE LONDON E8 3EG Erection of an outbuilding to the rear garden. 2007/1655 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

30 ALBION SQUARE LONDON E8 4ES Alterations including the erection of a single storey lower ground floor rear extension and alteration to the façade of the existing rear extension. 2007/2801 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

30 ALBION SQUARE LONDON E8 4ES Listed Building Consent for the demolition of a rear lower ground floor extension and alteration to the 2 storey rear addition. 2007/2804 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

155 MARE STREET, LONDON E8 Erection of a roof extension to create on additional storey and the creation of a new flat. 2007/2353 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

346 QUEENSBRIDGE ROAD - LONDON - E8 3AR Installation of an aluminium framed shop front. 2007/2433 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

14 GREENWOOD ROAD, LONDON E8 1AB Change of use of lower ground floor as a 1 bedroom flat; enlarging front lightwell 2007/2748 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

98 DALSTON LANE LONDON E8 1NG Conversion of single dwelling to create 4 separate self-contained flats (comprising 1 x 3 bed, 2 x 2 bed and 1 x 1 bed flats), demolition of existing 2 storey rear extension and erection of new part 2 storey, part one storey flat roofed rear extension, loft conversion with erection of rear dormer extension, excavation to form front lightwell and external alterations. 2007/1833 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

98 DALSTON LANE - LONDON - E8 1NG Demolition of existing 2 storey rear extension and erection of new part 2 storey, part single storey flat roofed rear extension together with erection of rear dormer extension in association with conversion of premises to create 4 self-contained flats. 2007/2742 Conservation Area Consent

N1

17-18 CORSHAM STREET LONDON N1 6DR Installation of a 2.4m diameter satellite dish and lifting hoist on the flat roof. 2007/0947 Major Development

56 SOUTHGATE ROAD LONDON N1 3JF Demolition of existing two-storey side element and rear extensions; erection of new part-two/part-three-storey side/infill extension (with roof terrace); erection of part- one/part-two-storey rear extension (with roof terrace); alterations to the front and rear fenestration; change of use of the lower ground floor storage space (use class B8), and use of the remainder of the building as 5 flats (3x1 bed, 2x1 bed and 1x3 bed (use class C3), with associated car parking refuse storage and cycle parking spaces. Restoration of rear garden space (to be subdivided for the use of occupiers of the proposed lower ground floor flats. 2007/2495 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

56 SOUTHGATE ROAD LONDON N1 3JF Demolition of existing two-storey side element and rear extensions in connection with planning application 2007/2495. 2007/2744 Conservation Area Consent

N16

45-47 AMHURST PARK LONDON N16 5DL Erection of 8 single-storey, self-contained 1-bed chalets in rear garden to provide additional accommodation associated with the existing hostel use at the site, together with associated landscaping. 2007/2141 Major Development

71-73 STOKE NEWINGTON CHURCH STREET LONDON N16 0AS Variation of condition 3 (hours of use) attached to approval North/365/95/FP to allow increased opening hours on Fridays and Saturdays from 1000 hours to 0230 hours the next day. 2007/2627 Major Development

THE DANIEL DEFOE PUBLIC HOUSE 102 CHURCH STREET STOKE NEWINGTON LONDON N16 0LA Erection of a single-storey rear extension. 2007/2646 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

12 SUMMERHOUSE ROAD, LONDON, N16 0NA Erection of a rear roof dormer extension and a first floor rear extension. 2007/2707 Affects the Setting of a Conservation Area

THE DANIEL DEFOE PUBLIC HOUSE 102 CHURCH STREET STOKE NEWINGTON LONDON N16 0LA Listed Building Consent for the erection of a single-storey rear extension. 2007/2775 Affects setting of a Listed Building

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY
NOTICE OF ELECTION
ELECTION OF A COUNCILLOR
SPRINGFIELD WARD

1. An election is to be held of ONE Councillor for the above Ward.

2. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Returning Officer, Elections Office, (Room 60), Town Hall, Mare Street, London, E8 1EA, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, on any day after the **16th November 2007**, but not later than noon on the **23rd November 2007**.

3. Forms of nomination paper may be obtained at the place and times mentioned above.

4. If the election is contested, a poll will take place on **Thursday 20th December 2007**.

5. Electors and their proxies should take note that applications to vote by post must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on Wednesday 5th December 2007 if they are to be effective for this election. This includes electors or their proxies who wish to make alterations to their existing arrangements on a permanent basis, or who wish to make a separate application for their ballot paper to be sent to a different address for this particular election.

Applications to appoint a proxy must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by no later than 5pm on Wednesday 12th December 2007, except where unforeseen illness or incapacity occurs after that time, in which case applications may be made up until 5pm on Thursday 20th December 2007.

All applications and notices regarding absent voting must be sent to the Electoral Registration Officer, Electoral Services, Room 60, Town Hall, Mare Street, London E8 1EA.

Dated 12th November 2007

Tim Shields
Returning Officer

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MEETINGS

TENANTS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS MEETINGS FOR HACKNEY TODAY

19TH NOVEMBER 2007 ISSUE

ASPLAND AND MARCON ESTATES
11 December 2007

BLACKSTONE ESTATE
3 December 2007

FELLOWS COURT
3 December 2007

FOLLINGHAM ESTATE
5 December 2007

GEFFRYE & HARMAN ESTATES
11 December 2007

GOOCH HOUSE
5 December 2007

HAGGERSTON ESTATE
12 December 2007

HERBERT BUTLER ESTATE
13 December 2007

HOLMLEIGH RD & SANDFORD ESTATES
12 December 2007

LOCKNER & KINGSGATE ESTATES
5 December 2007

MILTON GARDENS
12 December 2007

MORLAND AND BLANCHARD ESTATES
8 December 2007

PROVOST ESTATE
13 December 2007

RADLEY SQUARE & SOUTHWOLD ESTATES
13 December 2007

RHODES ESTATE
3 December 2007

ST JOHN ESTATE
10 December 2007

WELSHPOOL ESTATE
12 December 2007

WHISTON & GOLDSMITH ESTATES
3 December 2007

WILTON ESTATE
17 December 2007

YORK ROW
11 December 2007

TO CHECK TIMES AND VENUES, PLEASE CALL THE TENANT PARTICIPATION TEAM ON 020 8356 7845.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

19 Nov - Licensing Sub Committee, 10am
19 Nov - Overview & Scrutiny Board, 7pm
19 Nov - Pensions Sub Committee, 7pm
20 Nov - Licensing Sub Committee, 2pm
20 Nov - Cabinet Procurement Committee, 4.30pm
21 Nov - Planning Sub Committee, 6.30pm
26 Nov - Licensing Sub Committee, 10am
26 Nov - Cabinet, 6pm
27 Nov - Licensing Sub Committee, 2pm
28 Nov - Council, 7pm
03 Dec - Licensing Sub Committee, 10am
03 Dec - Children & Young People Scrutiny Commission, 7pm
03 Dec - living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission, 7pm
03 Dec - Regeneration & Social Inclusion Commission, 7pm
04 Dec - Licensing Sub Committee, 2pm

ALL MEETINGS AT HACKNEY TOWN HALL, MARE STREET, E8.

INFO: 020 8356 3316/3302/3441, OR

WWW.HACKNEY.GOV.UK

The Applications can be inspected between 8am and 6pm at Planning and Regeneration Reception, 263 Mare Street, London E8 3HT.

They can also be viewed on the following website: www.hackney.gov.uk/planning Representations should be made in writing within 21 days to the Development Control Manager,Planning and Regeneration, Hackney Council, 263 Mare Street, London E8 3HT.

ALL REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN WRITING.
DATE: 05 NOVEMBER 2007
SUE FOSTER,
HEAD OF PLANNING

DWP Department for Work and Pensions

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Email: benefitfraud@hackney.gov.uk

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